



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #1, SEPTEMBER 2026

Sept 8, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as per Agenda

7:30am to 2:10pm

Sept 9, 2026 Northern H.E.A.T Event in Peace River

8:30am to 10:00am

Met with Captain Tim and was shown around the site as the firefighters were practicing. There were 32 participants, down from 40 because of the Mercer Shutdown. There were participants from all over Northern Alberta

Sept 19, 2026 Mural unveiling at the Peace River Legion

5:00pm to 8:00pm

I attended the Mural unveiling At the Legion in Peace River with around 60 other people. The mural was painting by local painters. The mural is displayed outside the main doors. The Legion was started in 1918 and is still active to this day.



Sept 22, 2026 Regular Council Meeting as per Agenda

7:30am to 1:00pm

Upcoming Meetings/ Events:

October 1, 2026 - NPARA board meeting @11:00am

October 5, 2026 - Grimshaw Gravel @ 9:00am

October 6 – 8, 2026 - RhPAP Conference

October 13, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting

October 27, 2026 - Regular Council and Ordinance Meeting

October 28, 2026 - ASB zone meeting Tangent

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Councillor - Ward 1



County of Northern Lights

September 2026 Ward Two Report

Councillor Kayln Schug

September 1, 2026

Regional ICF Meeting – CNL Chambers

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

The ICF negotiating process began with the Town of Peace River, MD, of Peace No. 135, Northern Sunrise County, and us, with help from facilitator Karla Ressor. The ICF negotiations are held in closed session, and we will provide an update to the council in closed session; the approved agreement will be available to the public once all parties ratify and finalize it.

I am so proud of our region for taking this approach; it's the power of working together for our region's benefit!

September 2, 2026

North Peace Housing Meeting

4:00 pm – 8:30 pm

This month's meeting was held at Harvest Lodge in Fairview. It was fantastic to see the residents moved back in since the flood. The monthly synopsis contains most of the updates and is included in our monthly info package for the council. Some key highlights include: approval of CMR (Capital Maintenance and Repair) projects in Fairview and Grimshaw with GoA dollars; budget approval for a skylight for Manning apartments and a mechanical system at Del Air Lodge; we also approved Terms of Reference and members for the Development Committee to address some vacant property and new projects to be considered; we approved social housing project repairs in Grimshaw totalling \$34,380.00, and approved 5 roof repairs and eavestroughs on Social Housing Projects in Manning totalling \$68,040.00. We continue to advocate for higher-level care suites at Harvest Lodge in Fairview and to address vacancies in the lodge programs. We are awaiting confirmed dates and are working with Heritage Towers residents on the elevator replacement. The GoA will oversee the tendering process, as it's their building, and we will work with residents to address the elevator replacement (it looks like it will take roughly 7 weeks). Our next meeting date has changed because the RhPAP Conference is in Peace River, and not all board members can attend. The next meeting will be at Del Air Lodge in Manning on October 2nd at 4:00 pm.

September 3, 2026

Meeting with Dan Williams @ CNL Chambers

10:00 am – 10:45 am

I appreciate MLA/Minister Dan Williams's willingness to stop by the office on his way through town to catch up. Reeve Ungarian, CAO Stickling, and I discussed some of the challenges we are facing in the county right now and shared updates on what we are working on.

September 4, 2026

Peace Regional Mental Health Task Force

9:00 am – 10:45 am

The municipal leaders of the Peace Regional Mental Health Task Force Committee met virtually with consultant Jessica Hutton of Natawihowin Consulting to hear her proposal for addressing ongoing mental health and homelessness issues in our communities. Her proposal would include a regional study across all our municipalities to identify gaps and where we can focus our efforts. She works collaboratively with the Government of Alberta to ensure that all identified challenges are handled by the responsible level of government. Her goal is to get us all working in our own lanes and to help secure appropriate funding from the streams we need. For too long we have been struggling in various silos to address social disorder, mental health, addiction, and the like for our communities, and this is an opportunity to address them (not just assume) and get a plan for stopping the cycle. We are unique in that we have a correctional facility, no recovery center, no transitional housing and very little wraparound support – all things we hope to have solutions and data for to get the government to fund what they should. The next step will be for the PRMHTF to approve this plan and take it back to our councils for their stamp of approval. Happy to discuss further for anyone wanting more clarity on this plan.

September 8, 2026 **Council Meeting – Attended Virtually** **9:00 am – 1:00 pm**
Items were discussed as per the agenda and can be viewed on the county's YouTube channel at: <http://www.youtube.com/@countyofnl>.

Alberta Pond Hockey AGM **7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
Unfortunately, we decided to take a year off from the Pond Hockey event because no volunteers attended our AGM. The event requires many volunteer hours and coordination; with only 5 of us at the AGM, it wasn't reasonable to consider hosting it. We decided to advertise this decision, and if a group of committed people comes forward before November 1st, we will reconsider. We will hold the AGM next June, at which point we will reassess and decide whether to close the group permanently and discontinue our society status.

September 10, 2026 **RhPAP Webinar (Nurse Practitioners)** **11:00 am – 11:30 am**
The webinar knowledge session was hosted by Nonye Nwachukwu with NPAA (Nurse Practitioner Association of Alberta) in conjunction with RhPAP. Nonye spoke about what a nurse practitioner is and their scope of work. She also discussed the specific role of a nurse practitioner in Rural Primary Care. Currently, Alberta has 104 active NPs working in the program. The call to action was for community and municipal leaders to have a conversation about NPs and how they can help in our communities.

We have had various conversations about Nurse Practitioners at the Grimshaw Recruitment and Retention Committee in Grimshaw (GRHARC), and it continues to be a focus for our advocacy efforts in Grimshaw to help address the ongoing doctor shortage we have there.

Peace Regional Energy Alliance Meeting (virtual) **2:00 pm – 4:50 pm**
Items were discussed as per the agenda and will be included in the minutes that, once approved, will be attached to a future council agenda package. Key topics discussed included: 2027 symposium to hear from multiple perspectives on energy, updates from Jake Pastore on the communication plan and feedback from the position paper. The next PREA meeting is scheduled for November 12th.

World Suicide Event – Peace River **5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
It was a privilege to once again bring greetings on behalf of the County. The event has grown substantially since last year, with many more service providers and participants attending. It is encouraging to see communities getting together and helping to support each other in an attempt to try and normalize and destigmatize the conversation about mental health. Unfortunately, mental health remains very stigmatized, and that often leads to many dying by suicide. Recovery Alberta is offering fantastic free webinars and courses on a wide range of mental health topics. I encourage anyone struggling to check them out or reach out to the resources we have available. Mental health is health; there is no shame in asking for help!

Recovery Alberta Mental Health Virtual Classes: <https://together4health.albertahealthservices.ca/nx-amh>
Suicide Support Line – 988 (Call or Text)
Non-Emergency Social Service Support – 211 (Call or Text) – Alberta Specific

September 14, 2026 **Brownlee Lawyer Virtual Call** **10:00 am – 10:30 am**
Met virtually on a Teams call with Brownlee lawyers, Reeve Ungarian, Josh, Gerhard and me to discuss a legal matter. Council will be updated at our meeting on September 22nd.

Grimshaw Regional Healthcare and Attraction (GRHARC) **6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**
It was great to get back together after a summer break and catch up on what we have been working on and what has been happening. Highlights from the meeting include a presentation from Donna Buchiniski with the NISO Regional Advisory Committee, where she shared the structure and status of the regional health

advisory committees in Alberta. The NISO group is one of 14 in Alberta and provides recommendations to the Minister of Health. They are conducting a survey and asking everyone in our zone to complete it; the survey can be found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/grande-peace-niso-regional-advisory-council-survey?page=1>. Other topics discussed included: a motion to have administration look into investment opportunities for the reserves we currently have for the committee, a conversation and decision to table the discussion on hiring or pursuing a doctor recruitment liaison worker, a decision to have a funding members meeting that is scheduled for October 1st to discuss housing and the requisition model, as well as a coordinator role and depletion of funds. A motion was also made to reach out to a developer that has expressed interest in perhaps building a Nurse Practitioner clinic in Grimshaw for further discussion, as well as to discuss housing rental options for healthcare workers in Grimshaw. The bursary program will open in early October for students to apply, and those advertisements will be shared widely when available, with the selection committee scheduled to meet January 18th to determine the successful candidates. We received an update that Susan Smith will be retiring at the end of September, and they are actively recruiting to fill her position as North Zone Physician Resource Planner. We also received an update from site manager Pam Hurst on improvements to Grimshaw Hospital that have been completed and those underway. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14th.

September 15, 2026 RMA Zone Meeting with Vice Chair 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

I met with RMA Vice Chair Bob Willings for a 'debrief and lessons learned' from the zone meeting held in August, before I start preparing for the February meeting. We brainstormed ways to make our meeting more effective and strategies to encourage our MLAs and MPs to attend – attendance has been poor, which is very disappointing, given they could meet with 14 municipalities in one room on one day. I have worked on templates for the agenda, minutes, and zone organization, as there have never been any before, and I have compiled a recommendation for changes to our next meeting to ensure our Terms of Reference and practices align with what we are doing. While it has been a very labour-intensive process, it will be much simpler and more organized going forward, and I think the zone will benefit; it will also assist with future chair transitions and provide better continuity.

September 16, 2026 RCMP Advisory Committee Meeting 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

It was our first meeting back following the summer break. Meeting highlights included: I was selected to review and update our information resources so we can distribute them, as they are outdated. We also discussed the Crime Stoppers campaign – we have our signs installed and are still working to get a press release done, coming soon, as trying to coordinate over the summer proved difficult with the scheduling. The Peace River RCMP Detachment update included: a current 4-person vacancy in the detachment; call volume remains high, and the RCMP are encouraging anyone who notices things to report them because staffing numbers are dependent on call volume; the RCMP are transitioning to new police vehicles that will be black with a white door; we expect to see those in the next year or so. The next meeting will be held October 21st at 5:00 pm.

[The next Rural Crime Watch Meeting will be on Monday, October 5th at the Grimshaw Multiplex Theatre, doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Reminder: our Rural Crime Watch group is changing its name to Mighty Peace Crime Prevention Association \(MPCPA\).](#)

September 17, 2026 PRAMP Board Meeting and AGM 9:00 pm – 12:00 pm

We started with our regular board meeting. Highlights included presentations and updates from Mike and Lilly on the last 3 months of technical data, as well as outreach programs held over the year. The membership heard Edwin Radke's audit presentation, which confirmed a clean audit; the report will be emailed and ratified by members via email. The board approved a motion to continue with the directors and renew the terms of those whose terms were up. We had a presentation on our '10 year look back' which was incredible to see. We have a new website full of wonderful learning resources, air quality data, workshop information, and more. Our annual report will be available soon, and I will ensure we have copies at the office for the public and council to read through.

PRAMP Website: <https://prampairshed.ca/>

After the regular board meeting, we were scheduled to hold our AGM, but unfortunately, we did not have a quorum. We discussed moving the AGM date from September because attendance is a program, but we will email potential dates.

September 21, 2026 **Peace Regional Mental Health Meeting** **5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**
The group discussed a proposal in a closed session. Meeting minutes will be shared when they are approved in the agenda package. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th. Information will be shared as it is released for the public to see.

September 22, 2026 **Council Meeting** **9:00 am – 11:30 am**
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Following the council meeting, I drove to Edmonton for the Alberta Municipalities Conference.

September 23, 2026 **Alberta Municipalities Conference – Edmonton – Day 1**
10 am – I met with Sarah Hoffman, NDP Shadow Minister for Health Services, and Mayor Messner of the Town of Grimshaw to discuss the ongoing doctor shortage in Grimshaw.
Day 1 of the conference included an address from Premier Danielle Smith. Highlights of her address included the upcoming fuel tax relief, surplus on budget, ongoing provincial investments in healthcare and infrastructure, LGFF, and the upcoming referendum. Many calls for FCSS funding increases in light of the surplus year. Following the premier, we heard a keynote speech from Eric Termuende. After the keynote, I toured the trade show booths.

September 24, 2026 **Alberta Municipalities Conference – Edmonton – Day 2**
Day two of the conference began with the breakout sessions. I attended the one called 'Hard Choices, Clear Case: Making the Argument for FCSS'. It was the highlight of the conference for me because it actually gave very clear tools and tactics to use. The host suggested the 5 key things that will actually make the government move are: 1) Understanding that your MLA is the front door, 2) Move while the budget window is open, 3) Lead with the story and 'why' and then the number, 4) Bring people who your MLA will listen to (i.e., movers and shakers), 5) Get political but always stay non-partisan. Unfortunately for the FCSS argument, anything in prevention is very hard to advocate for, because when prevention works, things "do not happen" and you don't have a highly visible crisis to see. Mary Ann with Global Affairs spoke at length about the benefits of a regional assessment, and that municipalities need to start being the agents of change; there has been very little movement in the last 10 years and elected officials need to start having the conversation about the value of prevention before crisis. Following the breakouts was Part 1 of the resolution session; it is very different than the way in which RMA tackles theirs. Then was the plenary panel that was titled "Crude Awakening: Future of Taxation in Alberta". It was quite the conversation about the call for a review of our revenue structure while balancing the fact that we as Albertans are extremely tax-averse. The conversation went so far as to ask the panel members about their thoughts on a provincial sales tax. Alberta Municipalities has an entire pamphlet and short videos on "Property Taxes Reimagined," which I encourage you all to check out... it is quite something. They can be found at: <https://www.abmunis.ca/advocacy-priorities/spotlight/property-taxes-reimagined>. The day then wrapped up with the final portion of the resolution session. There were a total of 19 resolutions plus 2 emergent ones.

September 28, 2026 **RISK Planning Meeting via Teams** **11:00 am – 11:30 am**
The subcommittee met virtually to go over the final details for the 20-year celebration of the RISK program. The event will be held on October 8th at 2:30 pm. An invitation has been sent out to all the CAOs and other guests to attend the cake and coffee event in St. Isadore.

September 29, 2026

EPA Facilitation: Caribou Mountain/Red Earth Sub Plans

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

I joined the webinar to record notes; this was a follow-up session to the stakeholder engagement before the government put forward the Caribou Mountain and Red Earth Draft Subregional plans. The goal was to explore and discuss ways to improve the plan's direction. Highlights included: concerns centered on severe municipal economic losses from Crown land restrictions, data transparency regarding caribou and predator populations, regulatory inconsistencies across regions, and unresolved administrative hurdles—specifically transferring industry road ownership to municipalities prior to reclamation and formally designating local public trails.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

October 1st – GRHARC – Funding Partners Meeting @ Town of Grimshaw @ 6:30 pm
October 2nd – NAEL Meeting in Peace River (Alternate for Reeve Ungarian) – 10 am – 3:00 pm
October 2nd - North Peace Housing Foundation Meeting – Del Air @ 4:00 pm
October 5th – Rural Crime Watch Meeting (MPCPA) – Grimshaw – 7:00 pm
October 6,7,8 – RhPAP Conference in Peace River
October 8th - RISK 20 Year Celebration – 2:30 – 4:00 pm
October 14th – Recovery Alberta Webinar – 12:00- 1:00 pm
October 15th – NPHF Development Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm
October 16th – NPHF Long Service and Retirement Awards @ 5:30 pm
October 19th – Manning Fire Meeting @ 4:00 pm
October 20th – Peace Regional ICF Meeting – MD of Peace Chambers – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
October 23rd – Small Business Awards – Manning @ 6:00 pm
October 26th – Parent Conference Night – Peace River@ 4:45 pm
October 28th – ACCPA Event in Peace River 9:00 am - 3:30 pm



Deputy Reeve Kayln Schug – Ward Two



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WARD # 3 September 2026

DATE MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Sept. 8 Council Meeting, Manning

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

As per agenda available on the CNL website.

Sept. 16 South Rec Board, Old Lac Cardinal Hall, Warrentsville

7:00 pm – 8:10 pm

Thank-you cards received from PR Jet Boat Racing, North Peace Performing Arts and Camp Artaban. Requests approved/declined via email: Lac Cardinal – Chimney repairs declined, Camp Artaban – picnic tables \$2500, PR Minor Baseball batting cage \$5000, Dixonville Museum – summer student \$1500, Grimshaw Library declined – CNL contributes annually, Grimshaw High School Rodeo - \$2500, Misery Miles \$2000. Requests received at the meeting were AB Conservation Assoc. – Figure 8 winter aeration \$4000, Grimshaw Minor Ball – equipment \$1000, PR Municipal Library Festival of Trees - \$1000, Dixonville LIFE Ag Society Harvest Supper \$1000. Installation of officers, no changes to the board. Next meeting will be in January.

Sept. 17 Overview of EPR in Alberta Webinar (Virtual)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Presented by Circular Materials and Alberta Recycling Management Authority. Background on EPR Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), what it is and how it will work. As of October 1st (Phase 2 of EPR) 96% of Alberta's population will have access to recycling household waste. Informational materials will be available to residents in the next couple of weeks. www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/alberta

Sept. 21 LLRWMS, Transfer Station Tour & Meeting

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Members began the transfer station tour in Grimshaw. We borrowed the Manning Handi-Van so members could travel together and hold the meeting en route, which worked very well. The Circular Materials contract is expected to be signed by Friday. The upgraded computer and scale system has been installed and is a significant improvement. With no response from the engineers regarding development of the new cell, Terry was directed to contact other firms if none is received within the next two weeks. Cement and asphalt crushing is complete. Members discussed a non-compliance incident and a break-in at the Regional Landfill. I Want Wireless requested permission to install a tower at the Manning/North Star transfer station; more information is being requested before a decision is made. Members approved a \$1-per-hour wage increase for transfer station operators.

Sept. 22 Council Meeting, Manning

9:00 am – 11:30 am

As per agenda available on the CNL website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:

Oct. 6-8	RhPAP Conference, Peace River	9:00 am
Oct 13	Council Meeting	9:00 am
Oct. 19	LLRWMS	7:00 pm
Oct. 20	PRAIC	9:30 am
Oct. 27	Council Meeting	9:00 am
Oct. 28	ASB Conference	9:00 am

Brenda Yasinski, County of Northern Lights, Ward 3 Councillor



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SEPTEMBER 2026

WARD 4

BRENT REESE

Sept 8: Regular council meeting.

Sept 11: Interprovincial meeting in Grovedale. Adam Norris of the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance presented on the state of the watershed. He explained several water sampling and testing programs, noting concerns that smaller tributaries with significant human activity are showing signs of stress, including declining water quality and disappearing fish populations. Additional concerns include wetland degradation and invasive species.

Terry gave an update on the nuclear proposal and Brad Sperling of Peace River Regional District {BC} touched on the Ste E dam project which BC Hydro is proposing 7 km west of the BC Alberta border. Not much info has been provided to the public on this so far but the site has the same geological conditions that proved to be problematic and very expensive for the Site C project. No doubt this proposal will also generate controversy and opposition.

Reeve Ryan Ratzlaff MD of Greenview gave a presentation on some alternative dust control products they've tried. He provided slides and detailed info on each product. The bottom line is that calcium chloride still delivers the best bang for the buck.

Terry and Leonard Hebert gave an update on rail transport issues common to both provinces.

Leonard Hebert also presented on the Northwind Wellness Center an addiction treatment facility in Dawson Creek.

Sept 22 Regular council meeting.



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2026

WARD 4

BRENT REESE

Sept 28 FCSS. Some concern raised about mental health support being pulled from Manning by Alberta Health. Also some discussion of the province funding charter schools in urban areas which pulls much needed funding away from public schools.

Sept 29: Manning Aurora Composite School breakfast. Gloria, Linda, Gerhard, Jessica and Karly all pitched in to provide a pancake breakfast to the kids. Three griddles were fired up and we proved to be pretty efficient team once we got rolling.

Brent Reese
Councillor – Ward 4



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #5 SEPTEMBER 2026

MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

DATE	TIME
Sept. 8, 2026 <i>Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda</i>	9:00 am-1:00 pm
Sept. 8, 2026 <i>Attended Manning Municipal Library Meeting</i>	6:00 pm- 6:30 pm
The Board reviewed the library's financial position, including contribution from the Town of Manning, Friends of the Library reimbursement, and Peace Library System operating contribution. The summer reading program was successful, with 110 children participating. This years summer program was facilitated by Signy Pasichnuk. The Board discussed Bill 28 and the continued uncertainty regarding its requirements for public libraries, with further clarification expected following an upcoming meeting with CAP. We also discussed staffing changes, ongoing flooding concerns at the rear of the library due to the slope of the rear parking area and ongoing air condition issues. Greg will discuss air condition and parking area at the next Town Council Meeting. The Friends of the Library have received their casino funds and will continue to support acceptable library expenses. New programming with the Peace Region Family Resource Network is also beginning in September. The Board reviewed library usage statistics, including 1,345 visitors, 11 new patrons, and 1,760 items checked out since the previous meeting.	
Sept. 10, 2026 <i>Attended Manning & Area Community Enhancement Meeting</i>	1:30pm-2:45pm
Update on the Community Square: Gazebo finished, power installed for gazebo and Town Square Clock. Concrete for sidewalks poured. We discussed tables, etc for Gazebo. Committee will be reaching out to business, private individual/organizations for donations. Grand opening will be in 2027	



Sept. 15, 2026 <i>Attended Manning & Area Food Bank Meeting</i>	4:00 pm-5:00 pm
Tasha Brown will continue to look into fundraising ideas. There will be a new phone service for the food bank as we now share with McCall. We welcomed new board member Della Koch. Once again, we did not receive the Northern Capacity Boost Grant which would assist in some renovations that are much needed for more space. Della offered to help organize the Christmas Hamper program. Our casino at Great Northern Casino in Grande Prairie is scheduled for Oct. 25 & 25, 2026. Helen has that all organized.	

Sept. 22, 2026 *Attended Regular Council Meeting as per agenda*

9:00 am-11:30 am

Sept. 29, 2026 *Prepare Pancake Breakfast-Food For Thought MAC School*

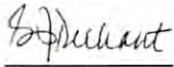
7:45 am-9:05 am

Joined Councillors Brent Reese and Linda Halabisky along with CNL CAO Gerhard Stickling, staff -Jessica Gummesen, Deb Pawluski and Karly Blanton to get the students at Manning Aurora Composite School off to a good start to the day with a pancake breakfast.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS, ETC:

START TIME

Oct. 2, 2026	Chili Cookoff held by CNL staff	12:00 pm
Oct. 13, 2026	Regular Council Meeting & ASB Meeting	9:00 am
Oct. 19-22, 2026	Stronger Together Library Conference- Edmonton	4:30 pm
Oct. 23, 2026	Small Business Awards	6:00 pm
Oct. 27, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	9:00 am
Oct. 28, 2026	ACCPA One-Day Forum Peace River	9:00 am



Gloria Dechant

COUNCILLOR

Ward 5: Breaking Point - North Star

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



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WARD #6

September 2026

Sept 1st: Regional ICF meeting 1400/1700

Regional ICF task force meet with facilitator to explore a regional Intermunicipal Collaboraton Framework between Town of Peace River and 3 bordering rural municipalities. Meeting went very well with intial proposals agreed in principal. Administration will work on putting together draft agreement for next meeting scheduled for October.

Sept 3rd: meet with Minister Williams 0930/1230

Minister Williams was travelling through town so CAO, Deputy Reeve and myself had a quick meeting in council chambers. He talked about Bill 28 and that it will see some code of conduct changes. He also touched on GoA's ongoing creation of Nuclear roadmap for Alberta to be completed by the end of this year.

Sept 4th: Peace Regional Economic Development Allicance 0900/1430

PREDA meeting was held in Grande Cache, I chose to join virtually and the A/V was not great, I wouldn't recommend that in the future. New board members were introduced. Topics of discussion were:

- Presentation from MD of Greenview on various happenings in their municipality; small business grant and support program, bench and sign advertising program, collabrating with City of Grande Prairie and County of Grande Prairie on workforce development, Invest NW is a program to attract investment, marketing MD of Greenview, industrial gateway now has been designated industrial site and major projectd are

in progress, old well sites have 14 applications from bitcoin mining entities, oilfield drilling activity is increasing.

- Robin Campbell gave a presentation on behalf of Canadian Coal Association. Japan and S. Korea want Canadian coal for their steel production. Activists continue to spread their narrative using misinformation and social media has become a weapon against industry.
- Grande Cache administration gave an overview of the town's decision to dissolve and become a hamlet within Greenview. They were facing a huge infrastructure investment and there was an overwhelming vote by residents to dissolve. MD of Greenview then needed to make significant investments to modernize the town. The GoA was not that helpful in the transition with little support.
- Future of PREDA was discussed. GoA funding will possibly end in March, there is a resolution upcoming asking for continued support for REDA's across the province. There was suggestion that maybe some similar regional organizations could amalgamate with PREDA, there wasn't a great deal of enthusiasm as each of these groups have unique purposes. Discussion will continue with more information gathered. Other funding sources for PREDA will be investigated, i.e. grants, increased membership fee.

Sept 9th:

NWSAR virtual mtg

1300/1400

Virtually meet with Minister Hunter (Environment & Protected Areas). Discuss the ongoing land use concerns facing the NW. There are still restrictions on large areas that have resulted in energy industry shutting down facilities and not investing in those areas. Forestry industry is also looking for long term certainty as well as other users on the land base. It was restated that the definition used for land disturbance needs to be amended to fit what is actually on the ground. Sub-regional plans are still not complete and the drafts are still lacking clarity on restrictions. Minister Hunter was very attentive and pragmatic.

Sept 10th:

PREA meeting

1400/1700

PREA meet at CNL administration building.

Update on several action items that were mostly completed by coordinator. Some action items of interest were coordinating the press release for the position paper with communication consultant, provide PREA CAOs with information available for websites etc after the press release, coordinator along with NSC Economic Development Officer (EDO) will continue to develop the expression of interest for the CEDD grant through PrairiesCan (has now been submitted), NSC EDO working on grant application for the NRED grant.

Administrative support will be combined between NSC CAO and CNL executive assistant.

Update from communication consultant Jake Pastore. He outlined a proposed communication plan; his vision of PREA forming several sub-committees that would include members at large; overview of the position paper release, it saw multiple views and inquiries from various media sources and had positive statements from 2 key Alberta Ministers. A proposed Energy Exploration Event that PREA will assist in organizing is planned for late spring 2027, no details yet but thoughts are it would include multiple organizations (CNSC, NWMO, Government representatives, Chambers of Commerce, supply chain companies, etc.) Jake exited the meeting.

Committee reviewed the letter from Northern Action Alliance dated August 6, 2026 and will draft a reply.

Nuclear Waste Management Organization has indicated a potential workshop in the region to present on what their organization does and the early discussion on a deep geological repository in Western Canada.

Canadian Nuclear Society is holding a conference in Eastern Canada in early October; there was thought of having our consultant attend but decided no attendance to this event.

Discussed terms of reference, should they have a bylaw from each member municipality and it was confirmed that this type of committee doesn't require that.

Sept 11th:

Interprovincial meeting

10:00/1300

Travel to Grovedale to attend Interprovincial meeting hosted by MD of Greenview.

- Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance presentation by Adam Norris. Report on the state of the watershed, preparing a watershed management plan, promote best management practices, develop educational programs. There was a bit of discussion from the floor on BC Hydro's early talks about constructing another hydro dam on the Peace River...Site E. There seems to be very little excitement from the BC representatives at the meeting.
- MD of Greenview did a very thorough presentation on dust control research they conducted using several different products. In the end, calcium was the best bang for the buck. The data will be shared with CNL DPW.
- Presentation on the Northwinds Wellness Center that is set to open soon in Pouce Coupe. It is a recovery and training center that will offer rehab and skills training. There will be occupancy for 55 and expansion plans are already being discussed. They are welcoming tours of the facility pre-opening.
- I gave a brief presentation on behalf of PREA and how it came into existence as a result of a major nuclear proposal. Municipalities want to be proactive should such a proposal gain approval from Federal regulators.
- Vice-chair of Peace River Regional Districts and myself gave a quick presentation on behalf of Community Rail Advocacy Alliance (CRAA). There are concerns on both sides of the border on inadequate rail service and segments of lines being shut down. There may be an opportunity for shortlines to take over these lines deemed uneconomical by the large carriers.
- Discussion on having the City of Grande Prairie become a member of the Interprovincial committee even though they don't share a border. It was recognized that they are a major hub in the region that all members benefit from but what about other urban centers in the region. Grande Prairie will be invited as a guest to a future meeting.

Sept 14th: Manning & Area Attraction Retention Committee 1330/1500

Report from AHS recruitment coordinator. New physician for Manning has all requirements completed and is now awaiting placement for her assessment.

There was some miscommunication between AHS, local doctors and county on availability of county house for recent locum. This has now been resolved.

MAARC offered to cover registration for committee members that may be interested in attending the upcoming RhPAP provincial conference in Peace River. Unfortunately no one was available to go.

Report from RhPAP consultant. Conference in Peace River is just about sold out and there will most likely be a waiting list soon. "How do we get there" webinars have 3 upcoming dates; they are targeted to students considering careers in healthcare.

Resident physicians made a request that locum physicians would appreciate easier access to the gym in Manning during their time in town. Mayor will look into getting an access card that could be shared by locums. There was also a discussion on the current medical clinic in Manning, it has become too small and desperately needs an expansion or replacement. An email will be sent to AHS and anyone else that may have knowledge of ownership and how to begin the process to investigate expansion.

Sept 22nd: Regular council meeting 0830/1230

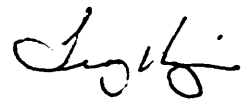
Regular council meeting per agenda

Sept 23rd – 25th: AFPA annual conference

Excellent conference again and good networking opportunities. Very interesting panels throughout the conference. Panels included Forest Management Plans; Forestry Research Institute; Developing Next Generation of Forestry Leaders; Pulp Market Trends; Markets Trends & Diversification; North American Lumber Forecast.

Speeches from AFPA President Jason Krips, Minister Loewen, Minister Long, MP Cory Hogan.

Overall, the forestry industry is under pressure with tariffs, soft-wood lumber duties, high cost of new homes, global competition in pulp industry. Lumber and pulp prices are currently not favorable and any external threats (wildfires, caribou ranges, insects, land use plans, inflation) are making for difficult times in the industry. AFPA is working hard on advocacy for policy changes to help reduce costs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Ungarian', with a stylized, cursive script.

Terry Ungarian

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Oct 5th: PREA chair & vice-chair virtual meeting MLA Williams

Oct 6th-8th: RhPAP provincial conference in Peace River

Oct 13th: Regular council meeting followed by joint council meeting with Town of Manning

Oct 14th: Initial meeting with RCMP on developing Community & Diversity Committee

Oct 16th: Potential Regional Economic Development Alliance mtg Peace River

Oct 20th: Regional ICF meeting at MD of Peace

Oct 23rd: Small business awards at Manning

Oct 27th: Council organizational meeting followed by regular council meeting

Oct 28th: ASB regional meeting in Tangent



COUNCILLOR WARD REPORT

WARD #7, SEPTEMBER 2026

September 8, 2026

Regular CNL Meeting as per Agenda

September 9, 2026

NWSAR ZOOM MEETING

September 18, 2026

40 Year PLS Celebration

Drove to Grande Prairie, the staff at Peace Library System did an awesome job. Had History of the start and up to date, tour of the office. Speeches were made by a few, was great to see former staff members and CAO.

September 19, 2026

Regular PLS Board Meeting

Followed the Agenda and we were done our meeting by Noon, had lunch that Was provided. Below are the Highlights of the meeting:

This summary is designed to keep you informed about Peace Library System (PLS)

The Board held a full Board meeting on 19 September 2026.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: Trustee

Orientation Policy; Provision of Library Materials for Persons Unable to

Use Conventional Print Policy, Provision of Library Materials for

Persons Unable to Use Conventional Print Policy for Library Service

Points, Conflict Resolution Policy, Cell Phone Allowance Policy,

Allotment Fund Policy, Violence Harassment and Bullying Policy,

Orientation and Continuing Education Policy for Library Service Points.

The Board approved the new Legislative Bylaws of the PLS Board for its Library Service Points.

The CEO reported that the CIP grant funding program with the Government of Alberta now has fewer intakes and longer decision times than previously, that the ATIA/POPA regulations for libraries have been addressed and policies are in place for both PLS and the Service Point libraries, that Bill 28 is a cause for concern and conversation in the library community, and that the CEO has presented to councils at County of Northern Lights, MD of Spirit River, MD of Smoky River, Town of Slave Lake, County of Grande Prairie, Northern Sunrise County, MD of Lesser Slave River and the Town of Rainbow Lake.

Staff reported that several workflows and processes in the Collection Services department have been updated and made more efficient and accurate, making it much more difficult to mistake AI slop materials for traditional published items, that the broken holds problem and

volume control issues have both been addressed and training has been rolled out. The IT department has been participating in the planning and implementation of the move to cloud hosting for the Polaris catalogue, and that academic volume licensing for Microsoft has been discontinued and a new agreement has been implemented resulting in some cost savings. The 2026 TD Summer Reading Program had 20 participating libraries from the system, PLS consultants are trying to assist libraries as best they can with Bill 28 regulations in the absence of the promised PLSB documentation, and the Stronger Together Conference will take place 20-21 October 2026, in Edmonton. Indigenous Services will be hosting the province-wide Indigenous Services meeting in October, and has been discussing the possibility of creating a public library in Cadotte Lake.. 2027-2029 projected budgets were approved. 2026 allotment fund balances were reported, the 2026 second quarter financial statements were reviewed. Minutes of the Executive Committee were passed. Correspondence was reviewed and discussed.

September 22, 2026 Regular CNL Meeting as per Agenda

September 29, 2026 Food for Thought at MACS

Drove to Manning and a group of us from the County volunteered to do the breakfast for the students and staff at MAC School. It was an enjoyable event, 3 of us councillors flipped pancakes, CAO and his staff Jessica, Deb, Karly served breakfast.

UP COMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 2 – County Staff Chilli Cook-off
October 13- Regular County Meeting
October 19-22 Stronger Together Conference-Gloria and myself in Edmonton
October 23 – Small Business Awards Night
October 24 – PLS(Peace Library System) Executive Meeting in Grande Prairie
October 27 – Regular CNL Meeting
November 2 to 5 RMA Conference
November 10 – Regular CNL Meeting
November 21 – PLS Board Meeting

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