

MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNTY CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.
COUNTY BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84162682448>

PRESENT:

Gary These	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
Kayln Schug	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal
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 (virtually)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Theresa Van Oort – 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

01.0 Call to Order

01.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Reeve Terry Ungarian called the Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Council Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

174/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Council Agenda and adopt it with the following additions and updates:
06.1.1-G Fundraiser Donation Request – Paul Rowe School Foundation & Manning Elementary School Enhancement Society
06.1.5-C Updated Property Tax Bylaw
10. A. Peace River Area Council Meeting Discussion under FOIP section 25
CARRIED

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

A. Tuesday, April 09, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

175/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, April 09, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and adopt them as presented.
CARRIED

06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works

06.3.1 Public Works

A. Director of Public Works Report

176/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Director of Public Works Report and accept it for information.
CARRIED

06.3.2 Roads

06.3.3 Airport

06.3.7 Drainage Ditches

04.0 Delegations

05.0 Policies/ Bylaws

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

177/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Appointment Report and appoint Mr. Josh Hunter as Acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to carry out the powers, duties, and functions of the Chief Administrative Officer

position of the County of Northern Lights, in accordance with section 205(1) of the Municipal Government Act, effective May 01, 2024 to May 12, 2024.
CARRIED

178/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Ungarian to appoint Mr. Gerhard Stickling as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), to carry out the powers, duties, and functions of the Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Northern Lights, in accordance with section 205(1) of the Municipal Government Act, effective May 13, 2024.
CARRIED

B. Educational Announcement Invitation from Northwestern Polytechnic

179/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Educational Announcement Invitation and accept it for information.
CARRIED

C. Community Rail Advocacy Alliance Update

180/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Community Rail Advocacy Alliance Update and accept it for information.
CARRIED

D. RMA Backgrounder on Bill 18: Provincial Priorities Act

181/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the RMA Backgrounder regarding Bill 18 – Provincial Priorities Act and accept it for information.
CARRIED

E. Senior's Week Proclamation Request

182/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to acknowledge receipt of the Senior's Week Proclamation Request and declare June 03 to 09, 2024 as Senior's Week in the County of Northern Lights.
CARRIED

F. Nuclear Power Plant Discussion

183/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Reese to acknowledge receipt of the Nuclear Power Plant Discussion Report and accept it for information.
CARRIED

184/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Schug that the County of Northern Lights Council is open to further explorations and discussions of nuclear energy in this region.
CARRIED

185/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to have the Council be a part of a regional committee comprised of Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Reeves, Deputy Reeves, and Chief Administrative Officers to continue discussions about nuclear development in the region, and to establish effective communication approaches among the municipalities.
CARRIED

G. Fundraiser Donation Request – Paul Rowe Foundation & Manning Elementary School Enhancement Society

186/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge request and purchase a \$1000.00 diamond sponsorship for the Paul Rowe School Foundation and Manning Elementary School Enhancement Society fundraiser for a new playground and various school yard projects with funds coming from council grants.
CARRIED

*Recessed meeting at 10:09 a.m.
Reconvened meeting at 10:24 a.m.*

06.1.2 Administration
A. CAO Report

187/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of Mrs. Van Oort's CAO Report and updated Strategic Issues and accept it for information.
CARRIED

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance
A. Town of Manning – Capital Requests

188/23/04/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to acknowledge receipt of the Town of Manning Capital Requests Report and advise the Town of Manning that the County will contribute an additional \$10,000 towards the decontamination unit and pool boiler replacement which were previously approved under the Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) agreement for capital.**
CARRIED

B. 2024 Budget

189/23/04/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to adopt the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget as presented.**
CARRIED

C. Property Tax Bylaw

190/23/04/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Dechant to give FIRST READING to Bylaw No. 24-14-491 a bylaw for the purpose of authorizing and fixing the tax rates levied and imposed against assessable property in the County of Northern Lights for the 2024 taxation year.**
CARRIED

191/23/04/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Reese to give SECOND READING to Bylaw No. 24-14-491; a bylaw for the purpose of authorizing and fixing the tax rates levied and imposed against assessable property in the County of Northern Lights for the 2024 taxation year.**
CARRIED

192/23/04/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to PROCEED TO THIRD AND FINAL READING of Bylaw No. 24-14-491.**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

193/23/04/24 **MOVED BY Councillor These to give THIRD AND FINAL READING to Bylaw No. 24-14-491; a bylaw for the purpose of authorizing and fixing the tax rates levied and imposed against assessable property in the County of Northern Lights for the 2024 taxation year.**
CARRIED

Charles Schwab, Director of Public Works, exited meeting at 9:36 a.m.

06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies
A. Community Monitoring – PurpleAir Sensor – Peace River Area Monitoring Program

194/23/04/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Yasinski to acknowledge receipt of the Community Monitoring Report and that the information from Peace River Area Monitoring Program (PRAMP), be accepted for information and no air monitoring device be located at the County Office.**
CARRIED

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

A. Voyent Alert App

195/23/04/24 **MOVED BY Councillor Schug to acknowledge receipt of the Voyent Alert App Report and that the report on Voyent Alert be accepted for information and have it added to the Strategic Planning Meeting agenda.**
CARRIED

06.2.5 Ambulance/First Aid

06.2.6 By-law Enforcement

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

06.6.3 Agriculture Services

06.6.5 Natural Resources

06.6.6 Housing / Seniors

06.6.9 Tourism

07.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

08.0 Info Items

A. Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Info Package

**196/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor These to acknowledge receipt of the Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Information Package and accept it for information.
CARRIED**

09.0 Open Mic

Decisions on Delegations

Recessed meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Dan Archer Reporter and Teresa Tupper Executive Assistant exited meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Reconvened meeting at 11:27 a.m.

10.0 In Camera Items

A. Peace River Area Council Meeting Discussion under FOIP section 25

**197/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor These to have the Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Council Meeting go in camera to discuss the Peace River Area Council under FOIP section 25 Meeting at 11:27 a.m.
CARRIED**

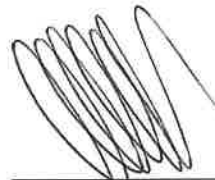
**198/23/04/24 MOVED BY Councillor Halabisky to have the Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Council Meeting come out of camera at 11:45 a.m.
CARRIED**

11.0 Adjournment

Reeve Terry Ungarian adjourned the Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Council Meeting at 11:45 a.m.



Chief Elected Official
Terry Ungarian



Chief Administrative Officer
Gerhard Stickling