



AGENDA

September 9, 2026 – County Council Meeting

Immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Changes to Agenda and Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes**
 - 3.1 August 17, 2026 Council Meeting
- 4. Delegations**
- 5. Council Priorities**
- 6. Requests for Decision**
 - 6.1 Letter of Support - Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism Destination Marketing Organization Designation
- 7. Reports**
 - 7.1 Reeve
 - 7.2 Council
 - 7.3 CAO
 - 7.4 Operations
 - 7.5 Planning and Community Services
 - 7.6 Protective Services
 - 7.7 Corporate Services
- 8. Correspondence and Information Items**
 - 8.1 Royal Canadian Legion re Military Service Recognition Support
 - 8.2 Lamont County re NE Regional ASB Conference
 - 8.3 Invitation to Support Highway 36 Safety Advocacy Letter
 - 8.4 Elk Island Public Schools re Resiliency Framework Learning Session
 - 8.5 Town of Vegreville re Vegreville Country Fair Participation
 - 8.6 MP Shannon Stubbs re Advocacy for Flood Relief
- 9. Councillor Requests (Information Requests and Notices of Motion)**
 - 9.1 Action Item List
- 10. Closed Session**
 - 10.1 Oiled Roads Policy
ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials
 - 10.2 2027 COLA
ATIA Section 20, Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
 - 10.3 Viking Health Foundation Funding Request
ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials
- 11. Open Session**
- 12. Motions Arising out of the Closed Session**
- 13. Adjournment**



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 17, 2026

Council Members Present: Reeve Konieczny, Division 3
Deputy Reeve Tara Kuzio, Division 5
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1
Councillor Ray Nedzielski, Division 2
Councillor Allen McCutcheon, Division 4
Councillor Carl Ogrodnick, Division 6
Councillor Jerri Ziegler, Division 7

Administration Present: Pat Podoborozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services
Audra Kropielnicki, Executive Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2026-198

Moved by: Councillor Ziegler

THAT the August 17, 2026 regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 July 20, 2026 County Council Meeting

2026-199

Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski

THAT the July 20, 2026 regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

5. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

2026-200

Moved by: Councillor Ziegler

THAT the Council Priorities be accepted as information.

Carried

6. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

6.1 Minburn Landfill Phase II ESA

2026-201

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT County Council direct Administration to pursue a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for the Minburn Landfill.

Carried

6.2 ATCO Electric Utility Within Road Allowance Special Request

2026-202

Moved by: Councillor Ziegler

THAT County Council move to approve ATCO Electric's request to install their utility within Range Road 160 as per the plans submitted.

Carried

6.3 Repeal Policy PDS 7001-01, Rural Broadband

2026-203

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT County Council move to repeal Policy PDS 7001-01, Rural Broadband.

Carried

6.4 Subdivision File #09-2026

2026-204

Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski

THAT County Council move to conditionally approve subdivision file #09-2026 per the recommendations of the report.

Carried

6.5 Lavoy Homecoming Harvest Funding Request

2026-205

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT County of Minburn Council approve a financial contribution of \$717.17 to the Lavoy General Store in support of the Lavoy Harvest Homecoming event.

Motion Defeated

6.6 2026 Community Centre Grant Funding Program

2026-206

Moved by: Councillor Ogradnick

THAT County Council approve the allocation of \$63,000 to non-profit organizations as presented under the 2026 Community Centre Grant Funding Program.

Carried

6.7 2026 Recreation Grant Funding Program

2026-207

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT County Council approve payment of the 2026 Recreation Funding in the amount of \$243,300 to the 6 external organizations as presented.

Carried

6.8 Mannville and District Agricultural Society Funding Request

2026-208

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT County Council approve Mannville and District Agricultural Society's funding request in the amount of \$50,000 to assist with their emergency roof repairs, with funding to be advanced from their allotted 2027 recreation funding.

Carried

6.9 ACE Water Rate Reconsideration Request

2026-209

Moved by: Councillor McCutcheon

THAT County Council rescind Resolution No. 2026-185.

Carried

2026-210

Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski

THAT County Council approve the request from Alberta Central East (ACE) Water Corporation to purchase water through the Minburn truckfill station at a rate of \$4.50 per cubic metre for the duration of the temporary five-day construction project, limited to a maximum of four truckloads per day.

Carried

6.10 Vegreville Road Rehabilitation

2026-211

Moved by: Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT County Council directs Administration to include the estimated rehabilitation costs for Vegreville Road in the proposed 2027 budget for Council's consideration.

Carried

6.11 2027 Capital Equipment

2026-212

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT County Council approve the purchase of three Cat 160 Graders at a total cost of \$1,950,000 (excluding GST), and that these graders be approved and included in the 2027 Capital Budget; and further, that Units 326, 335, and 336 be sold by tender following delivery of the new graders.

Carried

6.12 Motion Following Notice of Motion - Addition of RHPAP Conference as an Approved Council Conference

2026-213

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT County Council add the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Conference to the list of pre-approved conferences and conventions under the Elected Officials Business Expense Policy CC 3013-03, with consideration of this amendment to occur at the 2026 Organizational Meeting, and authorize two members of Council to attend the conference.

Carried

6.13 Advocacy for Flood Recovery Assistance

2026-214

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT County Council direct Administration to prepare and send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food requesting financial assistance and support programs for agricultural producers adversely affected by flooding during the 2026 growing season and advocating for timely relief measures to help address crop losses, increased production costs, and the economic impacts on affected farming operations.

Carried

7 REPORTS

- 7.1 Reeve
- 7.2 Council
- 7.3 CAO

- 7.4 Operations
- 7.5 Planning and Community Services
- 7.6 Protective Services
- 7.7 Corporate Services

2026-215

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council accepts the reports as presented.

Carried

Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1 Battle River Watershed Alliance Per Capita Funding Request
- 8.2 Innisfree Charter School Society re Financial Support Request

2026-216

Moved by: Councillor

THAT Council deny Innisfree Charter School Society's request for financial support and direct Administration to provide a reply to the Innisfree Charter School Society advising them.

Carried

- 8.3 50th Wedding Anniversary Thank You
- 8.4 Town of Vegreville Request for Rezoning

2026-217

Moved by: Councillor Ogradnick

THAT Council deny the Town of Vegreville's request for rezoning the former museum property and direct Administration to notify the Town of Vegreville accordingly.

Carried

2026-218

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council accept the correspondence as information.

Carried

9 COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (Information Requests and Notices of Motion)

- 9.1 Action Item List

2026-219

Moved by: Councillor Ziegler

THAT Council accept the Action Item List as information.

Carried

10 CLOSED SESSION

2026-220

Moved by: McCutcheon

THAT County Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) specifically Section 26, Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations at 11:35 a.m.

Carried

Davin Gegolick and Audra Kropielnicki left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

- 10.1 Fire Services Agreement
ATIA Section 26, Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Mike Fundytus	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Norm De Wet	Strategic Leader of the Organization

11 OPEN SESSION

2026-221
Moved by: Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council move to revert to Open Session at 11:50 a.m.
Carried

12 MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

13 Adjournment

Reeve Konieczny declared the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES CHART (September 2026)

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

NOW

1. **STRATEGIC PLAN**
2. **UPDATED HEALTH AND SAFETY MANUAL**
3. **ERP CONVERSION PROJECT**

TIMELINE

September 2026
October 2026
December 2026

NEXT

- ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPGRADES – September 2026
- Contracted Service Delivery Review – December 2026

ADVOCACY

- *Policing Services/Costs (RMA)*
- *Bridge Funding Continuity (RMA)*
- *Reinstatement of Gopher Control (Federal)*
- *On-Farm Slaughter Sales (Provincial)*
- *SL3/SL4 Seniors Facility Support (AHS)*
- *Non-Potable Water Resources for Ag Producers (AEP)*
- *Rural Medical Services (RMA)*

ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES

OFFICE OF THE CAO

1. Privacy Management Program Implementation – October 2026
2. Policy and Bylaw Review – October 2026
3. **STRATEGIC PLAN – September 2026**
4. Non-profit and Society Agreement Review- October 2026
5. Town of Vegreville Recreation & Waste Agreements – October 2026
6. RMA District 5 Meeting - September 2026

CORPORATE SERVICES

1. **ERP CONVERSION PROJECT – December 2026**
2. Privacy Impact Assessment ERP – October 2026
3. Job Description/Hire Corporate Services Position – November 2026
4. Update Procurement Policy – January 2027
5. Update HR Handbook – October 2026
6. Preliminary Budget 2027 – November 2026
7. Sharepoint Evaluation & Road Map Project – September 2026

Planning and Community Services

1. Automated DP Permitting Implementation – December 2026
2. Minburn Landfill Phase II ESA – December 2026
3. Update Social Media and Communications Policy – December 2026
4. Vegreville FCSS Funding Agreement – December 2026
5. New Business Recognition – November 2026
6. Conversion of 2025 Tax Forfeiture properties – December 2026
7. Crossroads Regional Investment Readiness Project – June 2027
8. County Support Signage at Community Halls/Rec Centers – August 2027

Protective Services

1. **UPDATED HEALTH AND SAFETY MANUAL – October 2026**
2. Bylaw Enforcement Role – Ongoing
3. Fire Fighter Recruitment – Ongoing
4. Firefighter Training Review - December 2026

OPERATIONS

1. Operations Shop Concept Investigation –needs strategic plan from Council
2. Project Implementation (Construction, bridges, oiling, gravel, and dust abatement)
3. Admin Building – Asset renewal: ongoing
4. Draft Bylaw – Unauthorized use of County lands – October 2026
5. Shoulder Pull Information – October 2026

AGRICULTURE & UTILITIES

1. Circular Materials – October 2026
2. Roadside Mowing – September 2026

CODES:

BOLD CAPITALS = Now Priorities; CAPITALS = Next; *Italics* = Advocacy; Regular Case = Operational Strategies

2 – 3 Year OUTLOOK

1. *Service Level Review* – **Infrastructure replacement and maintenance**
2. *Facility Review* – **Costing, replacement, ongoing maintenance**



Council Request for Decision (RFD)

Title: Letter of Support - Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism Destination Marketing Organization Designation

Meeting Date: 09/09/2026

Department: Planning & Community Services

Recommendation:

THAT County of Minburn Council provides a letter of support to Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism Organization (RTO) for their Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) application through Alberta Ministry of Tourism and Sport.

Background:

☒ See Appendix

Legislative Guidance:

☒ Provincial ☐ Municipal ☐ None

Details:

Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act

Council Priorities Chart:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Details:

Previous Council Direction:

N/A

Financial Implications:

☐ Capital ☐ Operations ☐ Other

Details:

There is no cost to the municipality. Go East of Edmonton would work with interested hotels, campgrounds, etc. to enact a tourism levy to support future tourism marketing initiatives in the region.

Communication and Engagement:

Go East RTO emailed the request for a letter of support on August 26, 2026.

Implementation Timeline:

Signed letter of support would be emailed to Go East RTO immediately following the Council meeting so they can apply prior to the end of the year's deadline.

Attachments: August 26 letter, letter of support

Prepared By: Davin Gegolick

Reviewed By: Pat Podoborzny

August 25, 2026

Dear Tourism Partners,

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to develop and promote tourism throughout our region.

For more than a decade, Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism has served as the leading destination marketing organization (DMO) for the communities' northeast, east and southeast of Edmonton, including the Lakeland, Central Prairies and Battle River regions.

We are now seeking your support as we apply to Alberta's Ministry of Tourism and Sport to become the designated DMO for our region under the new Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act. Please see below for a Very Important Letter of Support Request.

Although Go East of Edmonton is an established Alberta non-profit destination marketing and development organization—and has been recognized by Travel Alberta grant funding for regional destination marketing—all existing DMOs are invited to apply for formal designation under the new legislation.

What is the Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act?

The Government of Alberta introduced the Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act in 2026 to protect travellers from hidden or misleading fees and provide destinations with the tools and capacity to drive economic growth throughout the province. The Act came into effect on July 14, 2026.

The legislation establishes a framework for the governance and administration of destination marketing fees (DMFs), allowing eligible businesses to collect these fees from consumers. Revenue generated within a geographic area remains in that area and supports destination development and promotion through its designated DMO.

Under the Act, eligible DMOs may apply to become the designated organization for a defined geographic area. Learn more: <https://www.alberta.ca/protecting-travellers-and-supporting-tourism>

Why support Go East of Edmonton's designation?

Designation would allow Go East of Edmonton to pursue a destination marketing fee program and access new funding opportunities, strengthening tourism marketing and destination development for communities and tourism operators throughout our region.

With more than a decade of experience delivering regional tourism initiatives and a proven track record of measurable benefits and ROI for our communities, Go East of Edmonton is well positioned to build on this work and help grow Alberta's visitor economy.

Our three key goals:

- 1. Grow regional tourism and economic impact.** Establish a destination marketing fee program that supports tourism development, attracts visitors and generates lasting economic benefits throughout the region.
- 2. Keep local tourism dollars working locally.** Ensure fees collected within your area are directed toward promoting your community while also supporting coordinated regional tourism marketing.
- 3. Keep participation fees affordable.** Use new revenue and funding opportunities to grow tourism while we maintain low and affordable membership and marketing costs for municipalities and local tourism operators. A very important benefit in these challenging economic times.

Your support will help establish a strong foundation for tourism growth, creating benefits for our communities, businesses and visitors for years to come.

Based on the application's extensive eligibility requirements and the fact that there is no other organization that has done the comprehensive and effective destination marketing in this region, we believe Go East of Edmonton is uniquely positioned to qualify for designation in our region. Municipalities, chambers of commerce and economic development organizations are not eligible to apply for designation as DMOs under the Act. We have also met with many tourism organizations across Alberta and operators within our region who have indicated their support for our application.

Our vision:

Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to be the driving force for innovative, collaborative tourism marketing and development that contributes to the sustainability, prosperity and quality of life of tourism operators and communities East of Edmonton and throughout Northeast and East Central Alberta.

How you can help:

We respectfully ask for your support of Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism's application for designation. Because the application window is short for us to apply, we ask for your attention to this matter as soon as possible.

We ask if you are able to use the attached sample of a letter of support and please email us the letter in a pdf format asap on or before September 25 at the latest. You can email directly to me at kevin.goeast@gmail.com and/or to info@goeastofedmonton.com.

While the letter is addressed to the Minister of Tourism and Sport, we ask you to email us the letter and we will forward all letters with our application.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Our team would be pleased to arrange a call or meeting to discuss the application and its benefits for your community.

Together, we can ensure tourism continues to grow and create lasting opportunities throughout our region.

With sincere thanks,

Kevin Kisilevich

Managing Director, Marketing and Development Manager
Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism

September 9, 2026

The Honourable Andrew Boitchenko
Minister of Tourism and Sport
402 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T5K 1B6

Dear Minister Boitchenko:

Re: Letter of Support for Go East Regional Tourism Organization's DMO Designation

On behalf of the County of Minburn, I am pleased to express our support for the application by Go East Regional Tourism Organization (Go East of Edmonton) for designation as a destination marketing organization (DMO) under the Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act.

Since 2012, Go East of Edmonton has served as an effective regional DMO, consistently delivering meaningful results for our community and the broader region. Its longstanding collaboration with Travel Alberta, along with its proven record of promoting local destinations, businesses, attractions, and events, demonstrates its ability to strengthen tourism and support a thriving regional visitor economy.

We support Go East of Edmonton's application for DMO designation and its ability to pursue new funding opportunities that will advance destination development and marketing throughout the region. This designation would help the organization continue to develop, promote, and grow tourism while supporting local businesses, creating economic opportunities, and increasing visitation across northeastern and east-central Alberta, including the Lakeland and Central Prairies regions.

The application also aligns with Go East Regional Tourism Organization's long-term vision for regional tourism growth and economic diversification, as well as the goals of Higher Ground: A Tourism Sector Strategy for Alberta. Continued investment in coordinated destination development and marketing will strengthen Alberta's visitor economy while delivering lasting benefits to communities and tourism operators across the region.

We have full confidence in the Go East of Edmonton team and its ability to continue delivering results for our regional tourism industry for years to come. We respectfully encourage the Government of Alberta to approve Go East Regional Tourism Organization's designation as a DMO.

Sincerely,

Roger Konieczny
Reeve

c: Jennifer Filip, Chairperson, Go East Regional Tourism Organization



REEVE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Name: Reeve Roger Konieczny

Division: 3

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Council Meeting**

From Date: 08/15/2026

To Date: 09/04/2026

County Meetings (include date):

Strategic Planning Workshop, August 17, 2026

County Council Meeting, August 17, 2026

Boards and Committee Meetings (include date):

Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree Meeting in Mannville

Education and Professional Development (include date):

County of Minburn Functions and Events (include date):



REEVE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Name: Councillor Joey Nafziger

Division: 1

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Council Meeting**

From Date: 08/15/2026

To Date: 09/04/2026

County Meetings (include date):

Strategic Planning Workshop, August 17, 2026

County Council Meeting, August 17, 2026

Boards and Committee Meetings (include date):

Education and Professional Development (include date):

County of Minburn Functions and Events (include date):



REEVE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Name: Councillor Ray Nedzielski

Division: 2

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Council Meeting**

From Date: 08/15/2026

To Date: 09/04/2026

County Meetings (include date):

Strategic Planning Workshop, August 17, 2026

County Council Meeting, August 17, 2026

Boards and Committee Meetings (include date):

Education and Professional Development (include date):

County of Minburn Functions and Events (include date):



REEVE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Name: Councillor Allen McCutcheon

Division: 4

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Council Meeting**

From Date: 08/15/2026

To Date: 09/04/2026

County Meetings (include date):

Strategic Planning Workshop, August 17, 2026

County Council Meeting, August 17, 2026

Boards and Committee Meetings (include date):

Education and Professional Development (include date):

County of Minburn Functions and Events (include date):



REEVE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Name: Deputy Reeve Tara Kuzio

Division: 5

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Council Meeting**

From Date: 08/15/2026

To Date: 09/04/2026

County Meetings (include date):

Strategic Planning Workshop, August 17, 2026

County Council Meeting, August 17, 2026

Boards and Committee Meetings (include date):

MD of Minburn Foundation Meeting, August 28, 2026

Vermilion Health Care Providers Meeting, September 3, 2026

MD of Minburn Foundation Strategic Planning Session, September 4, 2026

Education and Professional Development (include date):

County of Minburn Functions and Events (include date):



REEVE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Name: Councillor Carl Ogradnick

Division: 6

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Council Meeting**

From Date: 08/15/2026

To Date: 09/04/2026

County Meetings (include date):

Strategic Planning Workshop, August 17, 2026

County Council Meeting, August 17, 2026

Boards and Committee Meetings (include date):

MD of Minburn Foundation Meeting, September 4, 2026

Education and Professional Development (include date):

County of Minburn Functions and Events (include date):



REEVE AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Name: Councillor Jerri Ziegler

Division: 7

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Council Meeting**

From Date: 08/15/2026

To Date: 09/04/2026

County Meetings (include date):

Strategic Planning Workshop, August 17, 2026

County Council Meeting, August 17, 2026

Boards and Committee Meetings (include date):

Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce Meeting, September 1, 2026

Education and Professional Development (include date):

County of Minburn Functions and Events (include date):



Office of the CAO Report

For Presentation at: September 9, 2026 Council Meeting

From Date: August 15, 2026

To Date: September 9, 2026

Internal Meetings:

- Council Meeting – August 17

External Meetings:

- Producer Connect with AFSC: Sturgeon County – July 19

Education and Professional Development:

- Sharepoint Governance: Cadence Solutions – August 20
- Data Centres Town Hall: Premiers Office – August 27
- Purview 101 Session – September 2

Senior Leadership Team Support:

- Council and Committee meeting packages
- Occupational Health and Safety Program
- Privacy Management Program development
- Strategic Plan development
- Corporate Document Management Programs research
- Council Renumeration Policy research
- RMA District 5 Fall Meeting prep
- Rural Parade/Fair support
- Budget 2027
- Viking Health Foundation research
- AITA request
- Resident meetings



ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Name: Norm De Wet

Department: Operations

Reviewed by: Pat Podoborzny

For Presentation at: September 9, 2026, County Council meeting

From Date: August 18, 2026

To Date: September 8, 2026

Public Works Update:

- Maintenance crews continue road maintenance operations. While progress is being made, administration continues to monitor and respond to changing conditions as required.
- Construction on Rge Rd 155, south of Twp 522 in Division 6 is complete.
- Construction continues on RR 160 north of Hwy 16 in Division 7.
- Due to the significant amount of lost construction time this summer, Administration will delay the planned construction projects in Division 5 and Division 4 until spring 2027. Construction will resume with the Division 5 project first.
- Traffic counting continues with a two-week rotation of selected sites.
- Crushing operations have been completed at the Coulters pit, with reclamation near completion. Our engineering consultant will apply for a reclamation certificate and then work with the Government of Alberta on an adjusted 5 year plan.
- The oiling project in Ranfurly is complete, and the Minburn project should be completed the week of September 7th.
- Administration is currently working with the school divisions on updated bus routes. The document will be shared with County Council once completed.
- The gravel program is expected to be completed during the week of September 7. As approved in the 2026 budget, crews will then strategically move gravel from the Chomlak Pit on Hwy 631 to the Innisfree and Zaparose stockpiles.
- As approved by County Council, the old SC250 oil tank has been removed by Alberta Tank Fabrication.

Contracted Services:

- The Parks and Recreation Contractor has been mowing the hamlets, Wapasu Park, and Highway 16 sign locations.
- The roadside mowing program is underway and should be completed within the week of September 7th, 2026.



- Seahorse Aquatic has removed the subaquatic vegetation from the Lavoy sewage lagoon starting during the week of August 25, 2026.
- Sewer system flushing in the Hamlets of Lavoy and Minburn as been completed. Lavoy had 5 lines partially plugged and Minburn had 7 lines partially plugged. All lines are now cleaned and operating as required.

Agricultural Services Update:

- Crews are actively addressing drainage concerns, replacing culverts as required, and responding to beaver-related issues to maintain proper water flow and protect municipal infrastructure.
- The Agricultural Fieldmen will be conducting Wheat and Canola field samples for Alberta Agriculture.
- As per Alberta Agriculture, strychnine sales will cease on September 1, 2026 and will resume February 1, 2027.
- Eight requests for private land spraying have been received and completed.



ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Name: Davin Gegolick

Department: Planning and Community Services

Reviewed by: Pat Podoborzny

For Presentation at: September 9, 2026 Council Meeting

From Date: August 14, 2026

To Date: September 2, 2026

Planning Update:

- Issued development permits:
 - Detached garage (South ½ SW 35-51-12-4)
 - Dwelling (NE 21-49-10-4)
 - Farm storage building (SW 5-51-9-4)
 - Cattle shelter (SW 5-51-9-4)
- Phase II ESA on Minburn landfill has commenced with drilling planned to be complete during week of September 8.
- Complaints update:
 - Received complaint for abandoned vehicle in Minburn
 - Issued Stop Orders on abandoned properties: Lot 22, Block 4 (Lavoy), Lot 9, Block 4 (Minburn)
 - Court Ordered property in Minburn has been remedied, file closed
 - 24 of 25 complaints have been closed so far this year

Subdivision Update:

- Nothing to report

Economic Development Update:

- Sold Lot 23, Block 4, Plan 949Q (Lavoy)
- Crossroads meeting planned for September 22

Community Services:

- Recreation and operational grant payments were provided to Ag Societies and community groups.

- Provided \$5,000 advance to Rotary Peace Park Society to cover costs to enclose the roof of the covered shelter to prevent birds from entering.
- Remainder of cemetery signs have been installed: Ranfurly, Minburn, Innisfree.
- Provided gift basket donations:
 - Lyster Family Golf Fundraiser – August 21 to raise funds at Mannville Golf Course for a driving range
 - CIBC's Run for the Cure Silent Auction – September 21 to raise funds to support breast cancer awareness and research)

Attachments:

- RFD – Letter of Support-Go East RTO DMO Designation



ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Name: Mike Fundytus

Department: Protective Services

Reviewed by: Pat Podoborozny

For Presentation at: September 9, Council Meeting

From Date: August 11, 2026

To Date: September 2, 2026

Fire Department Update:

Call Type	Date	Details	Station Dispatched
Medical	Aug 13	County Medical. 3 POC 1 FT member	Innisfree
MVC	Aug 14	Hwy 16 east of Hwy 36 Vehicle 3 POC 1 Ft	Innisfree
MVC	Aug 14	Hwy 857 Twp 510-2 vehicle MVC	Vegreville
Medical	Aug 16	Village Medical. 2 POC members	Innisfree
Medical	Aug 16	County Medical. Fire dispatched to call due to long EMS response time	Vegreville
Medical	Aug 17	Village Medical. 1 POC 1 FT member	Innisfree
False Alarm	Aug 17	54107 RR 142 False Alarm	Vegreville
Medical	Aug 18	County Medical. 3 FT members attended	Innisfree
Medical	Aug 24	Village Medical **Long response time** Mannville had no one available, Innisfree responded to call. Members from Mannville arrived at scene just before Innisfree arrived in Mannville	Mannville/Innisfree
MVC	Aug 25	Hwy 16 Hwy 870, 2-vehicle MVC. STARS landed. 8 POC 2 FT members	Innisfree/Mannville
False Alarm	Aug 26	NE 34-50-11-W4. False alarm due to cooking. 1 FT member attended	Innisfree
MVC	Aug 26	Hwy 631 east of RR 132, 2 Vehicle MVC	Vegreville
MVC	Aug 26	Hwy 16 and Hwy 881, 2 vehicle MVC 13 POC 1 FT member	Mannville/Innisfree
Medical	Aug 26	County Medical 1 POC 2 FT members	Innisfree
Fire	Aug 27	RR 102 north of Twp 514, Stolen Vehicle Fire. 6 POC 1 FT member	Mannville

MVC	Aug 28	RR 152 Twp 522, 2 Vehicle MVC	Vegreville
MVC	Aug 30	Hwy 16 Hwy 870 2 POC members attended	Innisfree
Medical	Sept 1	Village Medical, dog attack 2 FT members	Innisfree

- Total Fire Responses:
 - Mannville – 4
 - Innisfree – 12
 - Vegreville – 5
- Currently issuing burn permits until September 30, 2026
- Current staffing in Protective Services is 1 FT Director, 1 FT Public Safety Officer, 1 FT Seasonal Firefighter, 26 paid on call firefighters (11 Innisfree Station 15 Mannville station) 1 new member in Mannville, 1 member on medical leave. POC staffing is still a struggle; it is being currently supplemented by FT staff working overtime hours.
- Mannville Fire Hall fence project is complete.

Emergency Management Update:

- HRVA/HIRA update project is ongoing.

OH&S Update:

- Focus on field inspections this summer. Will be shifting to facility inspections.

Bylaw Enforcement:

- 2 bylaw inspections.

RCMP Liaison :

- Nothing to report.



ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Name: Jason Warawa

Department: Corporate Services

Reviewed by: Pat Podoborzny

For Presentation at: 09/09/2026 **Council Meeting**

From Date: 08/16/2026

To Date: 09/03/2026

Department Updates:

ATCO Gas has provided franchise fee estimates for the Hamlets of Minburn and Lavoy. Estimated revenues for 2027 are \$5,000 and \$7,700, respectively. Both are slight increases (<5%) from 2026. The franchise fee rate for both communities is set at 16.61% of ATCO's delivery tariff revenue. Similarly, the 2026 franchise fee estimate from ATCO Electricity for the Village of Minburn is only \$1,232 but has a fee percentage of only 1%.

As mentioned in previous years, the franchise fee structure has not changed for several years as the advertising cost and administrative requirements would exceed the additional fees that could be charged, at least in the short term. Any changes to these rates/percentages are required to be submitted before the end of October. It is important to note that the franchise agreements will need to be revisited in early-2027 as they are scheduled to expire or be renewed late 2027/2028 for both hamlets.

Administration has reviewed and finalized the Assessment Services RFP. It has been issued with a 5 year term to allow for a complete inspection cycle based on the current 20% inspection rate with a possibility of an extension. Criteria for selection is focused on price, experience, methodology, references and overall value. The opportunity will close at the end of September with review and decisions occurring in October/November.

The cycle leading up to the 2026 tax sale which is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2026 is commencing. There are 9 parcels held by 8 owners that are currently up for sale. Property inspections and valuations will be completed in September along with the required advertising requirements. Reserve prices will be set in October for any properties on which the owners have not entered into a repayment agreement and/or remain outstanding.

Preliminary Equalized Assessment Figures have been released by the Province. The year over year changes for the County are Residential/Farmland - 6.03%, Non-residential - 2.62% and Machinery/Equipment - (5.19%). Despite the positive jumps in the two largest major assessment classes, all three categories still lag behind Provincial averages for Rural municipalities: 7.41%, 4.11% and 2.94%. A deeper examination of the assessment numbers revealed that even though the County of Minburn was below average, it fared better than most of our regional neighbours as well as the other rural municipalities that are similar in size.

Department Updates Cont'd.:

Statement of Financial Position

Financial assets during the month of August decreased by just under \$1.4M from the previous month with the large majority tied to a depletion of cash used for operations. Taxes receivable shows a modest \$150k decrease from the previous year but still compares favorably to the previous year. From a liability standpoint, there is little change from the previous month, but an approximate \$500k decrease from August 2025. This is a combination of lower accounts payable and increased deferred revenue. Inventory levels continued to decrease as another \$422k of gravel was removed as part of the re-graveling program. The overall level of surplus dropped from the previous month by almost \$2M.

Statement of Operations

While the Statement of Operations is nearing completion, notable transactions for the month include overall expenditures of \$2.4M with over \$300k going towards recreation groups and over \$1.3M being spent on the gravel program and commodity purchases.

It is expected that both reports will be finalized and formatted next month as we begin leveraging the reporting capabilities of the new ERP system which will enhance the ability to produce departmental reports and accommodate ad-hoc reporting requests with the click of a few buttons.

Decision Paper Progress Report Summary - has been updated to reflect the new 2026 decision papers as well as those 2025 decision papers that were carried over.

Operating Decision Papers (8 - total)

- 3 DP's - 100% complete (0)
- 4 DP's in progress >50% complete (+2)
- 1 DP's in progress <50% complete (-2)
- 0 DP's not started (0)

Capital Decision Papers/Projects (18 - total)

- 8 DP's - 100% complete (+1)
- 1 DP's in progress >50% complete (-1)
- 8 DP's in progress <50% complete (0)
- 1 DP's not started (0)

Attachments:

Statement of Financial Position as at August 31, 2026

Decision Paper Update to August 31, 2026



County of Minburn No. 27

Statement of Financial Position

As at August 31, 2026 with Prior Month and Prior Year

	Current Month August/2026	Prior Month July/2026	Prior Year August/2025
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 958,026	\$ 1,382,968	\$ 363,504
Investments	\$ 20,466,839	\$ 21,454,269	\$ 15,056,879
Tax Sale Trust	\$ (46,251)	\$ (46,251)	\$ (50,330)
Total Cash & Temp Investments	\$ 21,378,614	\$ 22,790,986	\$ 15,370,053
RECEIVABLES			
Taxes & Grant In Place	\$ 21,578,892	\$ 21,743,094	\$ 21,684,282
Due from Governments	\$ 170,950	\$ 120,890	\$ 89,167
Trade & Other Receivables	\$ 333,872	\$ 384,202	\$ 846,873
Long Term Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,109
Total Receivables	\$ 22,083,714	\$ 22,248,186	\$ 22,749,431
Land Held For Resale	\$ 243,009	\$ 243,009	\$ 171,949
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$ 43,705,337	\$ 45,282,181	\$ 38,291,434
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ (5,219,362)	\$ (5,165,203)	\$ (7,944,858)
Asset Retirement Obligation	\$ (3,903,799)	\$ (3,903,799)	\$ (3,388,544)
Deferred Revenue	\$ (2,057,387)	\$ (2,057,387)	\$ (826,040)
Employee Benefit Obligation	\$ (306,916)	\$ (309,936)	\$ 106,850
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ (11,487,463)	\$ (11,436,324)	\$ (12,052,592)
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$ 32,217,874	\$ 33,845,857	\$ 26,238,841
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Tangible Capital Assets	\$ 39,154,452	\$ 39,154,452	\$ 36,404,608
Inventory for Consumption	\$ 19,879,749	\$ 20,301,471	\$ 20,382,722
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 61,976	\$ 3,284	\$ 3,780
TOTAL NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$ 59,096,176	\$ 59,459,207	\$ 56,791,109
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	\$ 91,314,050	\$ 93,305,064	\$ 83,029,951

COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27
2026 Monthly Progress Report - At August 31, 2026
~Final~

Decision Papers - Operating						
Project Name	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Budget Spent Comments
Front Step Admin Building						\$ 36,000 Project scoping included as part of larger Admin Bldg Rehab Project in 2027
Admin Bldg. Mechanical & Electrical Study						\$ 52,500 \$ 18,324 Project complete, report with cost estimates received and accepted. Project engineering and scoping to be completed by fall 2026
Financial ERP System Replacement						\$ 200,000 \$ 240,647 Base ERP system now "live", continuing improvements expected in latter half of 2026
Automated Development Permitting						\$ 12,500 \$ 12,500 Currently in testing phase.
Crossroads Economic Development Alliance						\$ 48,172 \$ 48,172 Town of Vegreville (managing partner) was successful in NRED grant in the amount of \$200,000. County's contribution is \$48,171.65. Tender awarded to OMR - work underway.
Crossroads Capacity Building Projects						\$ 60,000 \$ 60,000 Work complete
Communications Project/Dev. Package						\$ 100,000 \$ 100,000 Both projects complete
Cemetery Signage for 3 Cemeteries						\$ 5,000 Lavoy sign installed. Remaining signs are planned to be installed in the next couple weeks.
Decision Papers - Capital						
Project Name	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Budget Spent Comments
Mannville Fire Hall Fencing						\$ 65,000 Project awarded to Southridge, pad is poured, site levelled, fence is up, dirt work completed
Innisfree Fire Training Storage Building						\$ 84,900 Offer not accepted, on hold
New Fire Truck - Unit #910 Replacement						\$ 275,000 Tender awarded to Fort Gary
New Rapid Response - Unit #915 Replace						\$ 165,000 \$ 147,284 Unit complete and in service
Mannville Fire Thermal Camera						\$ 9,000 \$ 6,725 Purchase completed
Fire Truck Air Lift Bags						\$ 32,000
Vegreville Fire Truck						\$ 80,000 \$ 80,000 Paid January 30, 2026.
Motor Scraper - Refurbishment						\$ 679,951 \$ 679,951 Completed and the machine Delivered to yard
Fleet Truck Replacement						\$ 128,625 \$ 124,650 All fleet trucks received and being put into service.
Minburn Sidewalk Rehabilitation						\$ 22,667 Contractor awarded to Northwind construction to be completed September 2026
2026 CAT 160 Motor Graders (2)						\$ 1,335,000 \$ 1,335,000 Both graders delivered and put into service.
Fuel System Upgrade						\$ 107,048 Fuel system upgrade awarded to Innoflow Solutions - September 2026
Lavoy Hydrant Rehabilitation						\$ 125,735 \$ 39,500 Hydrant repairs and rehabilitation completed by Nikiforuks Construction
2026 Crushing Program - Coulter Pit						\$ 3,000,000 \$ 408,900 Paragon crushing is ongoing
Bridges (TCA BF1762)						\$ 413,722 \$ 19,038 Project approved with CORE Energy
Bridges (TCA BF1195)						\$ 330,347 Project approved with CORE Energy
Bridges (TCA BF72570)						\$ 523,000 \$ 58,243 Approved with Plains Construction
Bridges (MTCE 5qty)						\$ 1,021,703 \$ 18,375 Tender awarded for Formula Alberta Ltd.
Road Maintenance Activities						
Road Projects	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Comments
Road Construction						Construction ongoing in Div. 6
Gravel Haul Program						Program ongoing in Div. 7
Oiling Projects						Oiling crews patching
Dust Controls						MG30 program completed.
Roadside Mowing						Mowing has commenced
Roadside Brushing						Starting fall 2026

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COUNTY OF MINIBURN NO: 27

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Dear Valued Supporter,

Please find enclosed a Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging your organization's generous support for Volume XVIII of the **Alberta-NWT Command Legion's Annual digital Military Service Recognition Book**. This online publication recognizes Veterans in Alberta and the Northwest Territories who so valiantly served our Country.

Your advertisement appears in our digital Military Service Book, as a result of the support given during our 2025 Telephone appeal, as we always canvass one year ahead of our Annual Book. This Edition, and copies of past books, may be viewed on our website: www.abnwtlegion.com.

We have also provided a QR code below for your convenient access, along with a number of access cards for your use as well.

Your ongoing support for this important project is sincerely appreciated. Proceeds raised are used to fund bursaries, youth programs including cadets and of course the Legion's tireless support for Veterans and their families throughout Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

You may have recently been called or will receive a call in 2026 regarding this important Legion initiative.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-800-506-1888, if we can be of assistance.

Once again, *thank you!*

Respectfully,

Dave Velichko
President



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County of Minburn No. 27

For supporting the **Military Service Recognition Book - Volume XVIII**, a digital guide by the Alberta-NWT Command of The Royal Canadian Legion. Your acknowledgement and support for Veterans in Alberta and the Northwest Territories is sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your participation.

Dave Velichko

Dave Velichko
President

Tammy Wheeler

Tammy Wheeler
Executive Director

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2026 Northeast Regional ASB Conference Registration

October 22nd, 2026

St. Michael Rec Centre 561064 Rg Rd 184

St. Michael, AB

Cost: \$100.00/person

Registration deadline: October 7th, 2026

Please fill out the registration information below. If you have any questions regarding registration, please call (780)699-8176, or email Amanda Kihn at amanda.k@lamontcounty.ca. Email is the preferred method of registration.

Municipality: _____

Billing Address: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Email: _____

Name	Title	Cost (\$100)
Total		

Thank you for registering to attend the 2026 NE Regional ASB Conference. Please consider this to be your invoice. All cheques should be made **payable to Lamont County** (GST exempt).

Refunds will be issued for cancellations received on or before October 15th.

2026 Northeast Regional ASB Conference Agenda

Beyond the Farm Gate: Turning Production into Opportunity

St. Michael Hall, Lamont County

Thursday, October 22, 2026

9:00 – 9:30am	Registration & Coffee
9:30 – 9:45am	Welcome Call to Order Opening Remarks Introductions Nominations for Recording Secretary Motion to adopt the agenda as presented Motion to approve the 2025 Regional Conference Minutes as presented
9:45 - 10:15am	Agricultural Service Board Program Update Kerriane Koehler-Munro, Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation
10:15 – 10:45am	Agritourism Alberta Kathryn Dragowska, Agritourism Alberta
10:45 – 11:00am	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Producer Panel – <i>Beyond the Farm Gate: Turning Production into Opportunity</i> Kerri Oshust, Good Garlic Sarah Laudin, Sunshine Blooms Farm Aaron Geiger, Pitchfork Gardens
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Provincial ASB Committee Update Resolution Session Joey Nafziger, ASBPC NE Region Representative
2:00 – 2:15 pm	TBD

2:15 – 2:30 pm

Coffee Break

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Agricultural Societies & Municipalities

Tim Carson, Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies

3:00 pm

Closing Remarks

Invitation to the 2027 Regional ASB Conference – Lac La Biche
County

Safe Travels Home!

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Subject: FW: Invitation to Support Highway 36 Safety Advocacy Letter
Attachments: HWY 36 Request for Passing Lanes Letter to ATEC w Munis.docx

From: Ryley Girletz <ryley.girletz@specialareas.ab.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 10:16 AM
To: Gene Hrabec <ghrabec@beaver.ab.ca>; officeofthecao@beaver.ab.ca; mhampshire@flagstaff.ab.ca; sarmstrong@flagstaff.ab.ca; paul.reutov@laclabichecounty.com; manny.deol@laclabichecounty.com; Roger Konieczny <rkonieczny@minburncounty.ab.ca>; CAO <cao@minburncounty.ab.ca>; doerksena@newellmail.ca; fenskem@newellmail.ca; ssschulmeister@countypaintearth.ca; clukinuk@smokylakecounty.ab.ca; bkulyk@countypaintearth.ca; cao@smokylakecounty.ab.ca; gockerman@county.stpaul.ab.ca; jwallsmith@county.stpaul.ab.ca; tmianaga@mdtaber.ab.ca; acrofts@mdtaber.ab.ca; Murray Phillips <mphillips@thcounty.ab.ca>; sdary@thcounty.ab.ca; rtaylor@warnercounty.ca; shathaway@warnercounty.ca
Cc: Shaune Kovitch <shaune.kovitch@specialareas.ab.ca>; Maeghan Chostner <Maeghan.Chostner@specialareas.ab.ca>
Subject: Invitation to Support Highway 36 Safety Advocacy Letter

You don't often get email from ryley.girletz@specialareas.ab.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Mayor/Reeve and CAO's,

I am writing on behalf of the Special Areas Board to invite your municipality to review the attached draft letter advocating for additional passing lanes on Highway 36.

Over the past several years, our Advisory Council and Board has heard increasing concerns from residents about safety on Highway 36. Whether travelling for work, school, medical appointments, recreation, or business, many people have shared experiences of long traffic backups, limited opportunities to pass slower-moving vehicles and oversized loads, and the overall challenges of travelling safely on this important corridor. The concerns expressed by residents are reflected in the attached advocacy letter, which calls on the Government of Alberta to prioritize investment in passing lane infrastructure on Highway 36.

As municipalities that rely on Highway 36 to connect our communities, support local economies, and move people and goods throughout the region, we believe our collective voice will have a stronger impact. We would welcome your municipality's participation in this advocacy effort and invite your council to consider supporting the attached letter in solidarity with other municipalities along the corridor.

This draft is intended to serve as a starting point for discussion. We recognize that each municipality may have unique perspectives, priorities, or concerns. We encourage your council to provide any comments, suggested revisions, or additions you feel would strengthen the letter. Our goal is to develop a shared message that accurately reflects the experiences and priorities of the communities served by Highway 36.

We respectfully ask that your council review the attached draft and advise whether your municipality would like to participate as a signatory. If you have proposed amendments, we would be pleased to consider them as part of the final version.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing commitment to advocating for safe and reliable transportation infrastructure in rural Alberta. We look forward to working together to advance this important regional priority. Please respond with your municipality's decision on participation by September 30th, 2026.

Sincerely,

Ryley Girletz



Ryley Girletz

Director| Municipal Services

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The Honourable Devin Dreeshen, M.L.A.
Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors
127 Alberta Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Dreeshan,

Highway 36 is officially designated as part of the province's High Load Corridor. It allows high and wide loads to bypass major traffic routes as the overhead utilities and bridges on Highway 36 are built to accommodate these over dimensional loads. It serves as the main connector between the United States and the northern industrial hub of Fort McMurray; however, it is primarily an undivided, two-lane highway. Unfortunately, the lack of investment into road infrastructure like passing lanes and turnouts on this highway continue to create serious and persisting safety hazards. As representatives of residents and communities alongside Highway 36, we urge you to prioritize construction of passing lanes on Highway 36.

As our provincial economy grows, so does demand on our road infrastructure. Roads become busier with over dimensional loads, often sharing the highway with the traveling public, visitors, and local industry. Although Highway 36 has portions of the designated route for over dimensional loads as existing corridor with more portions proposed, these loads often create safety hazards for the traveling public due to lack of adequate passing lanes and turnouts. In our analysis, we identified various turning lanes throughout, only 5 turnouts, 7 rest areas, and a mere 1.3 kms of north bound passing lane and 1.3 kms of south bound passing lane over 663 kms of Highway 36 from Warner to Lac La Biche – a dedicated provincial High Load Corridor. In comparison, on a similar route in Saskatchewan (Highway 7 from Alsask to Kindersley) there are approximately 18.2 kms of alternating passing lanes over just 64 kms. This section of Highway 7 in Saskatchewan can more safely accommodate this high and wide load traffic due to the more appropriate design.

Residents throughout the region continue to express serious concerns around how unsafe it can be to travel on Highway 36. Their concerns are rooted in the lack of passing lanes and turnouts, combined with the frequency of over dimensional loads. Our communities understand that Highway 36 is a critical industrial transportation corridor for the province, but the long lines of traffic combined with impatient drivers and limited space create significant safety hazards. Long passing wait times from the over dimensional loads are made worse due to the lack of passing lanes, and loads which are transported in less-than-ideal weather conditions create serious safety issues. The people who live and work in our communities are the ones who are being forced to navigate these hazards, day in and day out. Passing lanes help alleviate these hazards by giving



drivers legal, predictable spaces to go around over dimensional loads, slower equipment and agricultural traffic, commercial vehicles, and trailers.

By constructing passing lanes on Highway 36, the Province would be making our residents and communities safer, while helping this designated High Load Corridor be more effective for industrial and commercial traffic. Our communities and ratepayers recognize the Province has many competing priorities and projects to consider when developing capital plans. However, the persistent safety hazards resulting from inadequate road infrastructure on Highway 36 needs to be addressed with urgency.

The undersigned municipalities, representing communities along Highway 36, urge you to work with your department to prioritize the construction of alternating passing lanes on the entirety of Highway 36. This investment will make a positive and meaningful impact to the lives of our residents, the traveling public, and industrial users from the US Border to Fort MacMurry.

Sincerely,

Shaune Kovitch, Chair
Special Areas Board

Gene Hrabec, Reeve
Beaver County

Murray Hampshire, Reeve
Flagstaff County

Paul Reutov, Mayor
Lac La Biche County

Roger Konieczny, Reeve
County of Minburn

Arno Doerksen, Reeve
County of Newell

Stan Shulmeister,
County of Paintearth No. 18

Craig Lukinuk, Reeve
Smoky Lake County

Glen Ockerman, Reeve
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August 14, 2026

Reeve Roger Konieczny
County of Minburn
4909-50 Street, Box 550
Vegreville, AB T9C 1R6

COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27

Dear Reeve Konieczny and County of Minburn Council:

On behalf of Elk Island Public Schools, I would like to invite you to join our school administrators, senior division leaders and Board Trustees and other government officials for a learning session focused on the Resiliency Framework—as presented by the Palix Foundation, a private foundation in Alberta working on child development, addiction and mental wellbeing.

The Resiliency Framework is grounded in research from neuroscience, child development, mental health, education, and human services. It provides a common understanding of how experiences, relationships, and environments influence lifelong health, learning, well-being, and resilience. The framework helps organizations better understand how to support children, youth, families, and communities through evidence-informed practices.

As educators, municipal leaders, and community partners, we all share responsibility for fostering the conditions that allow young people to flourish. By building a common language and shared understanding of resilience, we can strengthen our collective efforts to support healthy development, positive mental health, and successful outcomes for children and families across our communities.

This session is an opportunity to learn together, explore the research, and consider how a shared approach can support stronger partnerships and more coordinated responses to the needs of our students, families, and communities. We are hopeful provincial ministers and locally elected MLAs will also join us for this important discussion.

DATE: Tuesday, October 20, 2026
TIME: 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with lunch provided
LOCATION: Dow Centennial Centre, 8700 84 St, Fort Saskatchewan

We hope you will be able to join us for this important learning opportunity. Please advise Tanya Borchers, Senior Executive Assistant, Education Executive, if you are available to attend by calling (780) 417-8203 or at tanya.borchers@eips.ca by September 30, 2026.

Sincerely,

Colleen Holowaychuk
Board Chair
Elk Island Public Schools

August 18, 2026

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COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27

Re: Thank You for Your Participation in the Vegreville Country Fair Parade

Dear Reeve Konieczny and Council,

On behalf of the Town of Vegreville, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to your municipality for attending and participating in the Vegreville Country Fair Parade, hosted by the Vegreville Agricultural Society on August 5, 2026.

Your presence and involvement helped make this year's parade a tremendous success. Community events such as this bring people together, celebrate our shared rural heritage, and strengthen the relationships that connect municipalities across our region. We were delighted to see your delegation join in the festivities and contribute to the vibrant atmosphere enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

The Vegreville Country Fair Parade continues to be a valued tradition, and the support and participation of our neighboring municipalities play an important role in its success.

Please accept our gratitude for the time and effort invested in attending this event. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership and to welcoming you back to Vegreville for future celebrations and community events.

Thank you once again for helping make the parade a memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

Tim MacPhee
Mayor

Cc: Vegreville Agricultural Society

From: Stubbs, Shannon - M.P. <Shannon.Stubbs@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: August 31, 2026 12:20 PM
Subject: RE: Advocacy for Flood Relief

Good day,

Thank you for providing MP Stubbs with your municipality's declaration of an agricultural disaster and for outlining the serious impacts excessive moisture is having on producers throughout the region.

MP Stubbs has been hearing directly from farmers, municipalities and agricultural organizations across Lakeland about the extraordinary conditions this growing season. Saturated fields, standing water, inaccessible acres, crop and forage losses, disease pressure and the additional costs producers are facing are significant concerns, particularly as harvest is underway.

We also recognize that conditions can vary considerably even within individual municipalities. Some producers have been impacted far more severely than others, which is why it is important that governments consider the actual conditions and losses producers are experiencing on the ground.

A municipal agricultural disaster declaration does not itself automatically trigger provincial or federal financial assistance. However, these declarations are important because they formally document the severity of the situation and help demonstrate to both levels of government the need to assess whether existing programs are adequate or whether additional assistance is required.

MP Stubbs recognizes, however, that existing Business Risk Management programs may not address every impact producers are facing.

MP Stubbs will continue raising the conditions facing Lakeland producers with the federal government and advocating for a timely assessment of what additional assistance may be required. The declarations and information being provided by municipalities are extremely helpful in demonstrating the scope and severity of the situation.

We would also encourage the municipality to continue documenting crop losses, inaccessible acres, infrastructure and transportation impacts, forage conditions and any extraordinary costs producers are reporting. That information can be important as provincial and federal governments assess the overall impact of the 2026 growing season.

Thank you again for keeping MP Stubbs informed and, most importantly, for advocating on behalf of the farm families and agricultural producers in your municipality.

We know Minburn County works hard to protect our vital agricultural sector, your agriculture departments have always been very diligent in keeping us in the loop and we know you have very strong council representatives for the sector, we just want to say how much we value that.



Office of MP Shannon Stubbs, Lakeland
Shadow Minister for Infrastructure
(with Responsibility for the Alberta MOU, Pipeline and Pathways Project)
Shannon.Stubbs@parl.gc.ca
Office: 780-657-7075

COUNCIL MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Action List Item No.	Motion No.	Meeting Date	Description	Percentage Completed	Person Responsible	Date Completed	Notes
2488	2025-319	15-Dec-25	Administration proceed with Fire Agreement Fee Structure negotiations with Villages of Mannville and Innisfree	100%	Mike/CAO	02-Sep-26	Complete
2535	2026-068	19-Mar-26	Administration arrange a meeting with the CAOs for the Villages of Mannville and Innisfree, along with elected officials appointed to represent their respective municipalities on the M-M-I FCSS Advisory Board	50%	Office of the CAO		The Village of Mannville and the county of Minburn will be meeting September 10th to discuss.
2586	2026-184	20-Jul-26	Oversee installation of yield signs on RR 155 at the intersection of Twp Rd 514 in Division 6	100%	Norm	28-Aug-26	Completed
2590	2026-188	20-Jul-26	Wait with awarding successful bid on tax forfeiture property described as Lots 13-15, Blk 6, Plan 8103S, Ranfurly, pending decision by the province on existing caveat on title	0%	Jay		Awaiting decision by Province
2594	206-201	17-Aug-26	Administration to notify contractor to proceed with Phase II of the Environmental Site Assessment for Minburn Landfill	100%	Davin	17-Aug-26	Emailed contractor to commence work
2595	2026-202	17-Aug-26	Administration to notify ATCO Electric of Council's approval to install their utility within RR 160 as per plans submitted	100%	Davin	17-Aug-26	Complete
2596	2026-203	17-Aug-26	Administration remove Rural Broadband Policy PDS 7001-01 from server and website now that its been repealed	100%	Office of the CAO	17-Aug-26	Complete
2597	2026-204	17-Aug-26	Process subdivision file #09-2026	100%	Davin	17-Aug-26	Notified applicant of decision
2598	2026-205	17-Aug-26	Administration advise Lavoy General Store that Council denied their request of a financial contribution in the amount of \$717.17	100%	Davin	17-Aug-26	Emailed Lavoy General Store
2599	2026-206	17-Aug-26	Allocate funding to non-profit organizations receiving the 2026 Community Centre Grant Funding	100%	Davin	18-Aug-26	Submitted A/P requisition
2600	2026-207	17-Aug-26	Allocate funding to the six external organizations receiving the 2026 Recreation Grant Funding	100%	Davin	18-Aug-26	Submitted A/P requisition
2601	2026-208	17-Aug-26	Notify Mannville and District Ag Society of Council's approval of their \$50,000 funding request to assist with emergency roof repairs with funding advanced from their 2027 recreation funding	100%	Davin	17-Aug-26	Complete
2602	2026-210	17-Aug-26	Administration notify ACE Water Corpertaion of Council's approval to purchase water through the Minburn truckfill station at a rate of \$4.50 per cu. m. for the temporary 5 day construction project, limited to a maximum of 4 loads per day	100%	Norm	17-Aug-26	Complete
2603	2026-211	17-Aug-26	Administration include rehabilitation costs for Vegreville Road in the proposed 2027 budget for Council consideration	50%	Norm		Assessment being completed by ROHi Engineering
2604	2026-212	17-Aug-26	Administration proceed with the purchase of 3 CAT graders for a total cost of \$1,950,000 excluding GST and include in the 2027 Capital budget, and upon delivery of the new graders sell Units 326, 335, 336	20%	Norm		Approval for the purchase sent to Finning
2605	2026-213	17-Aug-26	Administration add the Rural Health Professions Action Plan Conference to the list of pre-approved conferences with consideration of the amendment to occur at the 2026 Organization meeting, and that 2 members of Council are approved to attend the conference	100%	Office of the CAO	18-Aug-26	Conference was added to the list of pre-approved conferences for discussion at the 2026 Organizational Meeting.
2606	2026-214	17-Aug-26	Administration send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food requesting financial assistance and support programs for agricultural producers adversely affected by flooding during the 2026 growing season and advocating for timely relief measures to help address crop losses, increased production costs, and the economic impacts on affected farming operations	100%	Office of the CAO	24-Aug-26	Complete