



June 30, 2025

Honourable Danielle Smith
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Honourable Smith:

RE: Request for Meeting

As you are aware Energy Alberta has submitted an Initial Project Description to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) for a proposed 4,800-megawatt (a project worth approximately \$40Billion dollars) nuclear energy plant approximately 30 km from the town of Peace River. Currently there are two proposed sites for the project: one in the County of Northern Lights and one in Northern Sunrise County.

Nuclear energy is new to the province, and there is currently no provincial framework or support in place. As a municipality we are attempting to navigate the large amount of documentation submitted by Energy Alberta and IAAC.

There are stringent response timelines to respond to IAAC. With limited nuclear knowledge and limited resource capacity, we will need to hire experienced consultants and legal counsel to review these documents on our behalf. This should not be an expense to the municipality, and we request funding be provided to assist us with this endeavor. In speaking with municipalities in Ontario that have gone through the impact assessment process, they indicate that the costs to them range between \$1.5 million and \$2.0 million. These costs should not be at our ratepayers' expense, as the federal government is the approving body, with input from your provincial government.

We recognize, as you do, Premier Smith, that there is a growing need for additional power supply within our province to sustain population and industry growth. We are very much in favor of the proposed project coming to our region. We passed a resolution confirming that we are a willing host community for nuclear energy. Still, we need financial support from the province to ensure that we can conduct the County's due diligence throughout the process and obtain the necessary tools to succeed in this momentous project.

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We kindly request an urgent meeting, virtual or in person, at your earliest convenience to discuss this critical matter. To assist with this requested meeting, attached is an agenda outlining our concerns and questions.

Sincerely,



Corinna Williams
Reeve
Northern Sunrise County

c: Honourable Minister Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities
Dan Williams, MLA for Peace River
Scott Sinclair, MLA for Lesser Slave River
Kara Westerlund, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta
Terry Ungarian, Chair, Peace Regional Energy Committee

Discussion items for requested meeting with Premier Smith

Requests

- Provincial funding and advocacy from the province to the Proponent to provide funding for the following items:
 - Third party consultant(s) – we would like to hire a lead consultant to work on behalf of the County to help manage the review of various aspects of the project, review technical reports and studies that may have implications on municipal resources, services, and infrastructure. They would also advise on potential project effects to surround residents and support the County’s understanding of the project effects and potential mitigative measures. The consult may support the County with the preparation of future technical communications and reporting to Energy Alberta (proponent), the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) as required and support the County in preparing future submissions in the Impact Assessment (IA) process.

The consultant(s) reviews would include all socio-economic, health, environment, emergency planning and response, and technical studies that are of importance to the County as a potential host community. This will ensure that the County’s interests are identified and brought forward through the review process. This will also ensure that potential impacts are incorporated into future municipal socio-economic, infrastructure and service delivery assessments. The consultant(s) can also assist with summarizing technical reports/studies for County staff and Council to ensure proper understanding of technical work, if required. Where required, the County will inform and if necessary, involve surrounding communities on matters that may be of relevance.

- Legal Counsel – through the IA process, the County may require, on occasion, a dedicated legal counsel with expertise in regulatory and nuclear projects to assist with review of legal agreements, contract negotiations, risk management and ongoing compliance throughout the IA to ensure a fair review process.