

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 Standard Village Office, 7pm
 Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

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1.0	CALL TO ORDER		
2.0	AGENDA		
3.0	GUEST STARS Jackie Seely 7pm		
4.0	PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE REPORTS		
5.0	MINUTES 5.0 a) Regular minutes		
6.0	UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 6.1 Esso Building 6.2 a) Library lease b) Capital budget c) Waterline Break 6.3 CRISP update 6.4 Insurance update 6.5 8760 Tender 6.6		
	FINANCIAL REPORTS		
8.0	CORRESPONDENCE 8.1 EPR Timeline Concerns 8.2 Property listing for Standard 8.3 8.4		
9.0	NEW BUSINESS 9.1 Library Board Appointments 9.2 Congratulatory for 90 th B-Day 9.3 EPR Timeline Concerns 9.4 SAEWA Press Release 9.5 Assessment Bulletin fr Minister 9.6 Campreservation acquisition 9.7 Arena Best Practices		
10.0	REPORTS 10.1 WADEMSA: M. Worthington 10.2 WHMB: M. Gauthier 10.3 DDSWMA: L. Casey 10.4 WFCSS: R. Bryan		

	10.5 WRC: M. Gauthier 10.6 CFWR: R. Bryan 10.7 Library: L. Casey 10.8 Asset Management 10.9 Strategic Planning 10.10 Development Planning 10.11 Solar Proposal 10.12 RCMP Stats 10.13 WREMP		
11.0	ONGOING BUSINESS 11.1 Bylaws / Policies a) Policies submitted Dec 11 th b) Policies New Batch For Feb 12 11.2 Budget 2025 Draft #2 Funds for Old Fire Truck		
12.0	COUNCILORS CONCERNS: 12.1 R. Bryan 12.2 L. Casey 12.3 M. Worthington 12.4 M. Gauthier		
13.0	CLOSED SESSION 13.1		
14.0	ADJOURN		

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PRESENT Mayor Martin Gauthier
Deputy Mayor Mike Worthington
Councillor Larry Casey
Councillor Richard Bryan
CAO Yvette April
Admin Jennifer Sommerfeldt

GUEST STARS Jackie Seely

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor M. Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2025-01-01	R. Bryan moved to adopt the agenda. CARRIED
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3. GUESTS:

Jackie Seely of STARS presented a report outlining services, of note are the following:

- 2025 is the 40th Anniversary of STARS
- 56% of their budget is fundraised; \$15 mil is contributed by the Alberta Gov.
- Vehicle incidents are the #1 use of STARS
- Standard residents were served 6 times in the last 5 years; 205 residents of Wheatland County
- Longest mission was in the rugged mountains of BC for a total of 1,763km

J. Seely presented Council with a framed photo of the STARS helicopter in thanks for being a long-time municipal donor, and a picture was taken with Council to record the moment.

J. Seely left meeting at 7:25pm.

4. PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT:

Public Works

- Quiet holiday break
- Continues with daily drive-by inspections
- Snow removal from streets, sidewalks, firehall and memory lane
- Moving snow piles to the trees in the campground
 - Had to contract out removal of volunteer made snow piles which were too large or frozen for the tractor to move.
- Sanding intersections as needed

Administration

- Agreement with Realtor to adjust commission to 10% of sale price was signed
- Audit is schedule for March 4-6 to accommodate WRC's audit timeline
 - Since the Village and WRC share some information, it's easier for the auditor's to do both within the same timeline keeping the data fresh
- Audit will be presented at the April 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
- Quiet holiday break

2025-01-02	L. Casey moved to accept the Public Works and Office Monthly Report as presented. CARRIED
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5. MINUTES:

2025-01-03	R. Bryan moved to adopt the minutes from the December 11 th , 2024 Regular Council. CARRIED
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*immediately after the motion carried, it was noted that R. Bryan was not present at the December 11th meeting and is therefore unqualified to make this motion. The following motion took place:

2025-01-04	L. Casey moved to adopt the minutes from the December 11 th , 2024 Regular Council.
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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, OR RFD'S

6.1. Esso Bldg

2025-01-05	R. Bryan moved to table Esso Building to the next Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED
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6.2. Library

a) Lease

b) Capital budget

c) Waterline break

2025-01-06	M. Gauthier moved to table Library to the next Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED
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6.3. CRISP Update

- CAO reported that the County has a Community Grant, but the Village of Standard does not qualify to apply. Applications are accepted by organizations within the Hamlets or County. CAO further reported that Strathmore CAO may organize a regional meeting.

2025-01-07	M. Worthington moved to accept report as information and direct administration to contact the County CAO. CARRIED
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6.4. Insurance Updates

- CAO reported that the Ag Society insurance evaluation has nearly doubled in price. Total insurance costs for all Village buildings will be available in early February; insurance is expected to increase overall by 5-8%

2024-01-08	R. Bryan moved to accept the Insurance Update as information. CARRIED
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6.5. 8760 Tender

2024-01-09	M. Gauthier moved to table 8760 Tender to the February Regular Village Council Meeting. CARRIED
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7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- CAO reported that M. Nielsen, book keeper, assisted in cleaning up the GL; some accounts need to be updated still as per her instructions.

2024-01-10	M. Worthington moved to adopt the December Financials as presented. CARRIED
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8. CORRESPONDENCE

2024-01-11	L. Casey moved to accept the Correspondence as information. CARRIED
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Library Board Appointments

2025-01-12	M. Gauthier moved to table to the February Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED
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9.2. Congratulatory for 90th Birthday

2025-01-13	R. Bryan moved to send Congratulatory certificate for Al McKinnon.
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9.3. EPR Timeline Concerns

- L. Casey (DDSWMA rep) reported there are information gaps with EPR, a letter is being sent to the Provincial government for some assistance.

2025-01-14	L. Casey moved to accept the DDSWMA letter to Minister of Finance as information. CARRIED
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9.4. SAEWA

- Administration reported that SAEWA is nearly complete with their mission to find a waste to energy solution through accept an Expression of Interest from Global Green Energy Group. Signing the Memorandum of Understanding will occur on Jan 24th. GGEG will acquire the funds for building one or more facilities within the SAEWA membership beginning in 2025.

2025-01-15	R. Bryan moved to accept the SAEWA report as information. CARRIED
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9.5. Assessment Bulletin from Minister

2025-01-16	L. Casey moved to accept the Assessment Bulletin as information. CARRIED
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9.6. Campreservation.ca acquisition

- CAO reported that the campground reservation website will change to a new site; administration will learn the new site and inform the public.

2025-01-17	R. Bryan moved to accept the Campreservation.ca acquisition as information. CARRIED
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9.7. Arena Best Practices

- CAO reported that the document Arena Best Practices was shared by the Government after carbon monoxide poisoning occurred at the Rockyford Arena.
- CAO received the document and forwarded it to the Ag Society.

2024-01-18	L. Casey moved to accept the Arena Best Practices report as information. CARRIED
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10. REPORTS

10.1. WADEMSA: M. Worthington last: 12/2 next: 1/28
 • Group is looking for leader replacement

10.2. WHMB: M. Gauthier last: none next: 1/16
 • Last meeting was the annual Christmas Party

10.3. DDSWMA: L. Casey last: 12/19 next: 2/20
 • EPR is the main topic of discussion
 • Current facility has lots of room and is in good shape; recent inspection found several minor infractions already being taken care of.

10.4. WFCSS: R. Bryan last: 12/? next: 1/22
 • No report

10.5. WRC: M. Gauthier last: 12/18 next: 2/19
 • 1st Budget was approved
 • WRC is doing well

10.6. CFWR: R. Bryan last: 12/? next: 1/9
 • No report

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- 10.7. Library: L. Casey last: cancelled next: 2/3
- No quorum; no report
- 10.8. Asset Management :
- Administration is updating the schedules to include a cost schedule in conjunction with Budget drafts.
- 10.9 Strategic Plan – no report
- 10.10 Development Planning
- Keeping multi-year residential property tax incentive idea on the agenda to remember the idea
 - No new report
- 10.11 Solar Proposal
- FCM GHG feasibility grant has passed Pre-approval. Now requires an updated application for approval. Current completion is at 53%. Anticipated to complete and submit on Jan 9, 2025.
- 10.12 RCMP Stats – see meeting package; no further report
- 10.13 WREMP – no report

2025-01-19	R. Bryan moved to accept Council Reports as information. CARRIED
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11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1. Bylaws/Policies

2025-01-20	M. Gauthier moved to rescind and adopt the policies as presented. Rescinded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1216 Project History • 7401 Library • 1105 Alberta Environment Protection & Enhancement Act Adopted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1104-3 Library Board • 1106 Provincial Government Legislative Acts • 1100 Legislative (Section Index) Updated: new additions, numbering changes • 1216 Key & Medical Sign-out CARRIED
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2025-01-21	R. Bryan moved to accept Policies for February 2025 Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED
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- 11.2. Budget 2025 Draft #2 – Councillors provided feedback to Administration regarding draft #1 including adding an amount to repair the Old Fire Truck, explanations for large increases/decreases for some GLs compared to previous years, cost of a new tractor, and bringing down the total required from property taxes. Feedback will be considered and draft #3 will be presented to Council in February Regular Council Meeting.

2025-01-22	M. Gauthier moved to accept Draft Budget #2 for review. CARRIED
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12. COUNCILORS CONCERNS:

- 12.1. R. Bryan: Question: why does PW not push the snow towards Memory Lane and make use of the ditches?

Administration Response: PW is moving the snow to the Campground to melt around the new trees to provide early spring watering.

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12.2. L. Casey: none

12.3. M. Worthington: none

12.4. M. Gauthier: The cab tractor is broken down, people need to know to not expect their sidewalks shoveled by the Village.

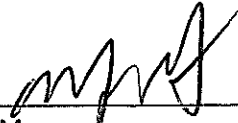
Administration Response: sidewalks are being maintained by PW using an alternate vehicle.

13. CLOSED SESSION: none

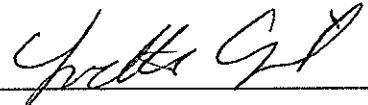
14. ADJOURN

R. Bryan moved to adjourn at 9:03pm.

These minutes approved this 12th day of February, 202~~5~~



Mayor



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