

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Standard Village Office, 7pm

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025

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1.0	CALL TO ORDER
2.0	AGENDA
3.0	GUEST
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 Lot Sales Update Onsite Placards 6.2 Project 2025 Phase I - II 6.3 Project Industrial 6.4 Letter to Lions & response 6.5 a) Library lease b) Capital budget c) Waterline Break 6.6 SRFA Lease Agreement
7.0	FINANCIAL REPORTS
8.0	CORRESPONDENCE 8.1 Minister Award Public Library 8.2 Minister Letter 2025 Budget 8.3 ABmuni's 2025 Budget 8.4 WHMB Audit 8.5 SAEWA Executive
9.0	NEW BUSINESS 9.1 DDSWMA Transtor (repairs) 9.2 SWANA Request 9.3 JUPA Extension 9.4 Transfer from 90 day Demand 9.5 Minister Letter 9.6 Council Support on Solar Project 9.7 FCM Letter of Support 9.8 Collaboration Meeting

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 Solar Proposal 10.9 RCMP Stats 10.10 WREMP
11.0	ONGOING BUSINESS 11.1 Bylaws / Policies a) Policies submitted Feb 12 th b) Policies New Batch For Mar 12 11.2 Budget 2025 Draft #3 Internet Antenna's
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 Legal Hotel 13.2 County Funding Agreement 13.3 Personnel
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

Library Board Members: 7pm
Connie Harder, Adreena Harder, Mark Clark, Verna Nelson, Jolayne Elias, Alan Bragg
Arcsons: 7:30pm
Al Cowan

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor M. Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2025-03-01	R. Bryan moved to adopt the agenda as amended: 9.9 Road Signs 13.3 Closed Session Personnel CARRIED
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3. GUESTS:

Library Board:

Presented History and purpose of the Standard Municipal Library. Current version of the Lease Agreement was first signed in 1991. The land for the Library was donated by G. Kroon and the building was primarily fundraised for by the Library Board. The Board presented an infographic and the following:

- Current membership is 227 – membership increased during COVID
- Previous Councils to 2014 provided a contribution of \$4500 - \$6500 annually
- Current Council contribution of \$1500 is the minimum required for provincial funding
- The Library Board is responsible for the management of the Library services and staff

The renewal of the Lease Agreement remains unsigned; the Library Board gave the following reasons:

- The Library Board does not own the building and is therefore not responsible to maintain the building beyond normal wear and tear related to Library programs and services.
- The Municipal Library is an extension of the Municipality and therefore capital repairs and improvements are the duty of the Municipality.
- The Municipal Library does not have the same revenue streams as the Curling and Ag Society thereby limiting annual revenue to mainly donations and fundraising.
- COVID prevented fundraising for two years
- Casino funds are limited and may decline as casino adopt more digital technologies into their practices decreasing the need for volunteers.
- It is the Village's responsibility to insure the Village's assets and since the Village did not insure the water line, the Village is responsible to pay for the water (break occurred Jan. 2024)

It was noted that the Library Board has not signed an agreement since November 2023 despite various versions and meetings to adjust the Library Agreement. The Library Board informed Council that they will not sign the current draft of the Library Agreement until satisfied that the Board is not responsible for capital/infrastructure costs.

Council invited the Library Board members to bring a version of the Library Agreement that meets their preferences and bring that to Administration for further review.

Al Cowan:

Presented the cost breakdown of the completing the industrial project. He made note that the Village has access to ground material, concrete, and construction services nearby that can be cost savings. It was noted that fire hydrants have a small approach keeping the hydrant at accessible ground level. The Drainage Channel would be

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the first project completed as it would help dry out the lots and the further development. The entire project is estimated to take 2 weeks.

4. PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT:

Public Works

- New Tractor has arrived; it required rerouting a few hoses but all is good now.
- The Stop sign on the corner of Frederick and 1st Street has been repaired
- Snow removal, sidewalks and Firehall care continued
- Connect Mobility installs
- General repairs to the large broom
- Oil & Lube work prepping the old tractor for its exchange
- Steaming the culverts to keep water flowing

Administration

- Very busy office this month – lots of phone calls, lots of research
- Lot sales really picked up – all lots but the small one (Lot 62) have been sold; “sold” stickers will be placed on the Village sign as possession dates pass.
- In house audit completed over 3 days
- Policy Book formatting is nearing completion
- Tax assessments have been received; waiting for final budget to determine the taxes
- Office is closed on March 13th due to Munisoft update and training

Asset Management

- Tractor purchase complete and is now on a 10 year replacement schedule
- Removed defunct items off insurance
- Received tenders for road and water work on Frederick Ave

Strategic Plan

- Goal: Creating Opportunities
 - Build amenities – The campground will expand the number of tent sites; Local Girl Guides got special pricing on the group camp site for their overnight in June
- Goal: Beautify the Village on Broadway & Centennial Park
 - Trees were planted in Centennial Park; waiting to see how they survived the winter
- Goal: Economic Development
 - Industrial lot development has been tendered and a funding plan is in place
 - The goal to have an early budget was affected by waiting for major impacting costs such as the insurance update and grants.
- Goal: Self Sufficient Community
 - Solar Project has a plan – see 9.6
 - Still advertising Connect Mobility – there were 3 new users joined this last month

2025-03-02	M. Worthington moved to accept the Public Works and Office Monthly Report as presented. CARRIED
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5. MINUTES:

2025-03-03	M. Worthington moved to adopt the minutes from the February 12 th , 2025 Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED
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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, OR RFD's

6.1. Lot Sales Update – Onsite Placards

2025-03-04	M. Worthington moved to accept as information . CARRIED
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Administration presented Lot identification signs provided by L. Casey which cost 10 signs for \$275.00

2025-03-05	L. Casey moved to direct Administration to purchase Lot identification signs as presented. CARRIED
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6.2. Project 2025 Phase I and II

2025-03-06	M. Gauthier moved to direct staff to research Town of Strathmore and Acme regarding their lot sales and developer relationships, and with other real estate professionals with respect to finding a developer, then report back to council. CARRIED
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6.3. Project Industrial – see Guest: Al Cowan

2025-03-07	M. Worthington moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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6.4. Letter to Lions & Response

Lions are waiting to see if they receive grants for trees before making a plan.

M. Worthington noted that a pile of dirt was left at the campground for the tree berms.

2025-03-08	R. Bryan moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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6.5. A) Library Lease

B) Capital Budget

C) Waterline Break

Council noted that there is a vested interest in supporting the library and council would like to find a solution that benefits everyone.

2024-03-09	M. Worthington moved to instruct staff to research other municipal library lease agreements. CARRIED
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2025-03-10	M. Worthington moved to accept as information . CARRIED
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6.6. SRFA

SRFA has requested that the needed Agreement between the Village and the SRFA regarding the water load out attached to the Fire Hall to satisfy the County Lease Agreement with SRFA be drafted by legal.

2024-03-11	M. Gauthier moved to have administration have Legal draft the lease agreement. CARRIED
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7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2024-03-12	R. Bryan moved to adopt the February Financials as presented. CARRIED
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8. CORRESPONDENCE

2024-03-13	L. Casey moved to accept the Correspondence as information. CARRIED
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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9.1. DDSWMA Transtor

2025-03-14	M. Gauthier moved to direct staff to write a letter to DDSWMA that the Village is concerned and disappointed with unreliable garbage pick up by GFL. CARRIED
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9.2. SWANA Request

Lithium batteries disposed in regular garbage are causing fires and harm to employees at the landfill. These batteries should be placed in a designated recycling receptacle. DDSWMA is working on a solution to encourage proper disposal.

2025-03-15	R. Bryan moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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9.3. JUPA

2025-03-16	M. Worthington moved to accept as information that the JUPA is moved to June 2026. CARRIED
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9.4. Move from 90-day Demand

Auditors require this motion.

2025-03-17	M. Worthington moved to withdraw \$136,729.43 from the 90- day demand account. CARRIED
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9.5. Minister Letter

Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Provincial Priorities Act which directs that as of April 1, 2025 that a copy of municipal agreements with the federal government must be sent to Municipal Affairs.

2025-03-18	M. Worthington moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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9.6. Council Support on Solar Project

Administration reported that the FCM grant has been stalled in Phase 4 of the approval process due to requested further documentation and their Funding Portal Update spanning from April – May. Other grant options are available, but all grants require a clear motion to show municipal support for the project.

2025-03-19	R. Bryan moved that the Village pursue the installation of a photovoltaic system to serve all municipally owned buildings, community group buildings, and optionally the Broadway Group Building, paid through grants, or municipal & group contributions, or a combination of both with the Solar Energy Equipment Supplier & Installer to be specified by separate motion. CARRIED
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9.7. FCM

Two motions are required for the GHG Feasibility Study Grant

2025-03-20	R. Bryan moved that the Village will contribute their portion of 20% towards FCM GHG Feasibility Study Grant using the ATCO Grant of \$15,000 plus contributing an additional \$11,000 for a total of \$26,000. CARRIED
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2025-03-21	M. Gauthier moved to direct administration to send a letter to Municipal Affairs regarding the FCM Green Municipal Fund confirming consultation with the Provincial Government. CARRIED
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9.8. Collaboration Meeting

2025-03-22	M. Gauthier moved to participate at the next collaboration meeting on March 26 th , 2025 to be held at Strathmore. CARRIED
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9.9. Road Signs

2025-03-23	M. Gauthier moved to get street signs for the new subdivision. CARRIED
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10. REPORTS

10.1. WADEMSA: M. Worthington	last: 2/18	next: 4/7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working on new agreements with municipalities• Spoke with Fire Chief and Dispatch• 911 testing is soon• Call volumes down• Talent acquisition for CAO will be \$21,000 - \$30,000• New Strategic Plan is underway		
10.2. WHMB: M. Gauthier	last: 2/20	next: 3/20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAO has given notice of retirement as of Jan 2026; want replacement trained before elections• Inspections completed• Resident feedback survey complete• Preventative maintenance complete, including the boiler rooms		
10.3. DDSWMA: L. Casey	last: 2/20	next: 4/24
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GFL discussed; disappointment in services• Inspection of facility discussed – issues are being addressed• New instructions for recycling – program launch not soon		
10.4. WFCSS: R. Bryan	last: 2/26	next: 3/26
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking to collaborate with Community Futures• Wheatland County Ag Project Partnership have been in touch		
10.5. WRC: M. Gauthier	last: 2/19	next: 4/16
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGM will be on March 26th at the water plant• Main Operator is set to return• Entry level trainer has been hired		
10.6. CFWR: R. Bryan	last: 2/6	next: 3/13
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of basement is moving ahead with inquiring renters• Bridging-the-Gap Loan still moving ahead		
10.7. Library: L. Casey	last: 3/3	next: 4/7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Golf tournament planning is underway• Updating policies is almost complete		
10.8. Solar Proposal		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See 9.6		
10.9. RCMP STATs – in package		
10.10. WREMP – meeting	3/13	

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2025-03-24	R. Bryan moved to accept reports as information. CARRIED
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11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1. A) Policies submitted Feb 12th

2025-03-25	M. Gauthier moved to rescind and adopt the policies as presented. Rescinded: 5001 Municipal Development Plan (new) 6101 Public Hearing Policy 6200 Community Services 6300 Development Control 6301 Development Forms, Notices & Fees 6500 Regional Planning 6600 Subdivision Land & Development 6601 Land Sale Policy 6601-1 Lots 18-19 Block 2 Plan 2540 AM, Restrictive Covenant 6602 Development Standards & Agreements 6603 Rentals 6603-1 Buildings 6603-2 Land 6603-3 Campground 6604 Lot Cleaning 6605 Municipal & School Reserve 6700 Public Hearing 6800 Subdivision & Development Appeal Board 6900 Land Housing & Building Permits 9000 Other Services Adopted: Numbering change to 5001-2 (MDP) 5001 Planning Hierarchy 5001-1 Intermunicipal Development Plan 1207-2 Unbudgeted/expenditures CARRIED
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B) Policies New Batch for March 12

2025-03-26	R. Bryan moved to accept Policies for review at the April 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED
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11.2. Budget 2025 Draft #3

Item for Council to consider – Does Council want to consider continuing providing antenna's at \$450 each for free internet installation?

Budget impact to be provided at next meeting.

12. COUNCILORS CONCERNS:

12.1. R. Bryan: none

12.2. L. Casey:

- Huge pothole at 2nd Street & Christian (could be 1st Street, as 2nd Street is paved).
- 3rd Street Sidewalk has frost heaves; worth watching for damage or tripping hazard.

12.3. M. Worthington: none

12.4. M. Gauthier: none

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13. CLOSED SESSION: 9:32pm

2025-03-27	M. Gauthier moved to go in closed session under FOIP, Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure for: 13.1 Section 27 for Privileged information 13.2 Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations 13.3 Section 29 Information that is or will be available to the public CARRIED
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Return to Regular Session 9:50pm

2025-03-28	L. Casey moved to accept the County Infrastructure Agreement with additions as presented. CARRIED
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14. ADJOURN

M. Worthing moved to adjourn at 9:50pm.

These minutes approved this 9th day of April, 2025.



Mayor



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