

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Standard Village Office, 7pm
Wednesday, June 11th , 2025

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1.0	CALL TO ORDER
2.0	AGENDA
3.0	GUEST 7:00 pm Jim McMurtry (Zoom) (M. Worthington)
4.0	REPORTS 4.1 PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE A) Grant Report 4.2 Strategic & AM
5.0	MINUTES 5.1 Regular minutes
6.0	UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 6.1 Nutrien Easement/Donation 6.2 Industrial Park 6.3 WID Agreement 6.4 a Library Bylaw /Water line/Golf T. 6.5 SRFA Lease Agreement 6.6 Lot Sales/Sidewalk 6.7 WRC Letter to Board re Solar 6.8 Solar Update a) sign agreements b) proposals – update 6.9 Draft Terms of Reference
7.0	FINANCIAL REPORTS
8.0	CORRESPONDENCE 8.1
9.0	NEW BUSINESS 9.1 June 21 st Parade 9.2 Tax Arrears Public Auction 9.3 Removal of land acknowledgement from Memory Lane (M. Worthington) 9.4 a)warning signs on Memory Lane for gopher traps (M. Worthington) b)M.Lane No One call letter 9.5 Irrigation for trees (M.Gauthier) 9.6 WRC Shareholder Agreement 9.7 Shop Security Alarm (M.Gauthier) 9.8 3yr Operating 5yr Capital

	<p>9.9 Invite to Strathmore Stampede</p> <p>9.10 CFWR invite to AGM</p> <p>9.11 Palliser Audited Financial Stmt</p> <p>9.12 WHMB Annual/Financial/CAO</p> <p>9.13 Police Funding Model</p> <p>9.14 Invite to Hussar</p> <p>9.15 Support letter for Ringette</p> <p>9.16 WRC Quote for VFD</p> <p>9.17 Palliser 2026 Aerial Project</p> <p>9.18 Paving Patches</p> <p>9.19 Lttr of concern for ditch mowing</p>
10.0	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>10.1 WADEMSA: M. Worthington</p> <p>10.2 WHMB: M. Gauthier</p> <p>10.3 DDSWMA: L. Casey</p> <p>10.4 WFCSS: R. Bryan</p> <p>10.5 WRC: M. Gauthier</p> <p>10.6 CFWR: R. Bryan</p> <p>10.7 Library: L. Casey</p> <p>10.8 WREMP</p>
11.0	<p>ONGOING BUSINESS</p> <p>11.1 Bylaws / Policies</p> <p> a) Policies submitted May 14th</p> <p> b) Policies New Batch June 11th</p> <p> c) Property Tax Millrate</p> <p> d) Property Tax Bylaw</p> <p> Policy PW Handbook</p>
	<p>COUNCILORS CONCERNS:</p> <p>12.1 R. Bryan</p> <p>12.2 L. Casey</p> <p>12.3 M. Worthington</p> <p>12.4 M. Gauthier</p>
13.0	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>13.1 Legal Hotel</p> <p>13.2 County Funding</p> <p>13.3 Grant</p> <p>13.4 Personnel</p>
14.0	<p>ADJOURN</p>

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor M. Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2025-06-01	R. Bryan moved to adopt the agenda as amended: 9.14 Invite to Hussar 9.15 Support letter for Ringette 9.16 WRC Quote for VFD 9.17 Palliser 2026 Aerial Project 9.18 Paving Patches 9.19 Letter of Concern Regarding Mowing CARRIED
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3. GUESTS: Jim McMurtry
J. McMurty shared personal experiences regarding use of the Land Acknowledgement.

4. 4.1 A) PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT:

Public Works

- Upgraded Connect equipment
- Installed security camera at second bay – currently seeking costs for security options
- Completed 2 Connect installs
- Campground Washroom cleaning
- Sidewalk inspection on Frederick Ave – west subdivision
- Mowing & Trimming
- Delivered violation letters; pictures for new letters
- New student interviews

Administration

- S. Rasmussen & J. Sommerfeldt covered for Y. April during her absence
- Y. April worked remotely on emergent matters

2025-06-02	M. Worthington moved to accept the Public Works & Office reports as presented. CARRIED
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B) GRANT REPORT

- Administration is in process of creating a grant spreadsheet to track the applications.

2025-06-03	R. Bryan moved to accept the Grant reports as presented. CARRIED
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4.2 STRATEGIC PLAN & ASSET MANAGEMENT:

Asset Management

- No new update

Strategic Plan

- Memory Lane is working with the Lions to replace the Village signs on the north and south entrance of town.

2025-06-04	M. Gauthier moved to support the replacement of the Village signs donated by the Lions and Memory Lane with an approved design. CARRIED
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2025-06-05	M. Worthington moved to accept the Strategic Plan & Asset Management Report as presented. CARRIED
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5. MINUTES:

2025-06-06	L. Casey moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting April 9 th , 2025 with amendments. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spelling correction on 10.7; Gold should read "Golf" CARRIED
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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, OR RFD's

- 6.1. Nutrien Easement/Donation
- Nutrien provided a map of the intended donation piece of land.
 - Administration report that the environmental study did not report concern

2025-06-06	R. Bryan moved to proceed to negotiate with Nutrien regarding land donation, and then report back to council. CARRIED
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- 6.2. Industrial Park
- Information present by Arcsons regarding purpose of storm water ponds on each site. L. Casey suggesting replacing the pond system with just letting the water run off.

2025-06-07	M. Worthington moved to accept Arcson's response as information. CARRIED
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6.3. WID -

2025-06-08	M. Gauthier move to table until next meeting. CARRIED
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- 6.4. Library Bylaw/Waterline Break
- Gold Tournament is July 25th; M. Gauthier & M. Worthington will team up with MPE should MPE attend and extend an invitation.

2025-06-09	L. Casey moved to table the Library Bylaw and Waterline Break until the next council meeting. CARRIED
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6.5. SRFA Lease Agreement – no report; waiting for SRFA legal

2025-06-10	M. Gauthier moved to table SRFA Lease until the next Regular Council meeting. CARRIED
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- 6.6. Lot Sales & Updates
- One of the lots is back for sale with a realtor due to a change in personal circumstances of the buyer.
 - PW took video of the sidewalk to record its conditions before construction begins.

2025-06-11	M. Worthington moved to accept the report as information. CARRIED
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- 6.7. WRC Letter to Board regarding Solar
- Y. April & J. Sommerfeldt will be attending the WRC Meeting

2025-06-12	R. Bryan moved to accept the report as information CARRIED
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- 6.8. Solar Update
- A) sign agreements
- agreements have been received by Memory Lane, Seniors, and Curling. Library asked questions which have been answered.
- B) proposals – update
- There is some concern with the capacity limit on the feeder lines which will make the large solar system impossible, thereby requiring the solar system to be built on top of the buildings. Administration will inform the installers and move forward with more information and new designs to present to council.

2025-06-13	M. Gauthier moved to accept the solar update as information. CARRIED
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6.9. Draft Terms of Reference

2025-06-14	R. Bryan moved to accept the Draft Terms of Reference as presented. CARRIED
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7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2025-06-15	R. Bryan moved to adopt the Bank Reconciliation as presented. CARRIED
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8. CORRESPONDENCE – there was no correspondence

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. June 21st Parade – council members and PW will participate

9.2. Tax Arrears Public Auction

2025-06-16	M. Gauthier moved to set auction for property at 718 the Broadway & 721 The Broadway, for Sept 10 th 2025 at 10:00am to be held at the Standard Village Office. CARRIED
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2025-06-17	<p>R. Bryan moved that the presented Terms and Conditions sale for the 2025 public auctions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any parcel of land offered for sale may be redeemed by payment of all arrears, penalties and costs by guaranteed funds at any time until the property is declared sold.2. Each parcel of land offered for sale will be subject to a reserve bid and title will be subject to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.3. The lands are being offered for sale on an “as is, where is” basis, and the municipality makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the state of the parcel nor its suitability for any intended use by the successful bidder.4. The auctioneer, councillors, the chief administrative officer and the designated officers and employees of the municipality must not bid or buy any parcel of land offered for sale, unless directed by the municipality to do so on behalf of the municipality.5. The purchaser of the property will be responsible for property taxes and utilities for the current year. There will be no adjustment to the date of sale.6. The purchaser will be required to execute a sale agreement in form and substance provided by the municipality.7. The successful purchaser must, at the time of sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft payable to the municipality as follows:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; ORb) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale.(if the certified cheque or bank draft exceeds the final purchase price, the excess will be refunded within a reasonable time)8. GST will be collected on all properties subject to GST.9. The risk of the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.10. The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.11. The purchaser will be responsible for registration of the transfer including registration fees.
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	<p>12. If no offer is received on a property or if the reserve bid is not met, the property cannot be sold at the public auction.</p> <p>13. The municipality may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.</p> <p>14. Once the property is declared sold at public auction, the previous owner has no further right to pay the tax arrears.</p> <p>are hereby approved for property at 721 The Broadway, Legal Land Description Lot 1-2, Block 1 Plan 2540AM and 718 The Broadway, Legal Land Description Lots 1-6, Block 2, Plan 2540AM.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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2025-06-18	<p>M. Worthington moved that pursuant to 553 (1)(f) MGA, the addition of all tax recovery costs to the relevant rolls is hereby approved.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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- 9.3. Removal of land acknowledgement from Memory Lane (M. Worthington)
- Council discussed the appropriateness of a Land Acknowledgement plaque erected on Memory Lane without Council agreement. M. Worthington provided a powerpoint presentation contesting the Land Acknowledgement.

2025-06-19	<p>M. Worthing moved to accept the presentation as information and to direct Administration to invite up to 2 member of Memory Lane to discuss the removal of the Land Acknowledgement, and to send them M. Worthington's prepared presentation.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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- 9.4. A) Warning signs on Memory Lane for gopher traps (M. Worthington)

2025-06-20	<p>M. Worthing moved to add warning signs on Memory Lane about the gopher traps.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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- B) Memory Lane - No One Call Letter
- Letter was delivered via email reasserting procedure requires One Call every time they dig.

2025-06-21	<p>M. Worthing moved to acknowledge that staff did deliver a letter requiring Memory Lane to contact One Call when digging.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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- 9.5. Irrigation for Trees (M. Gauthier)
- Infrastructure already in place for irrigation at campground, but it is non-functional.

2025-06-22	<p>M. Gauthier moved to send a letter to the Lions on establishing a partnership to get the irrigation system at the ball diamonds up and running.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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- 9.6. WRC Shareholder Agreement

2025-06-23	<p>M. Gauthier moved to table the WRC Shareholder Agreement until the next meeting.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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- 9.7. Shop Security Alarm (M. Gauthier)
- Due to recent thefts at the shop, Council discussed means of prevention.

2025-06-24	<p>R. Bryan moved to direct staff to get a new quote on alarming the whole shop.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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9.8. 3 yr Operating 5 yr Capital

2025-06-25	R. Bryan moved to approve the 3 Year Operating and 5 Year Capital Plan as presented. CARRIED
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- 9.9. Invite to Strathmore Stampede
- L. Casey and M. Gauthier will attend the Strathmore Stampede; M. Worthington is the alternate.

- 9.10. CFWR invite the AGM
- R. Bryan and L. Casey will attend the CFWR AGM

9.11. Palliser Audited Financial Statement

2025-06-26	M. Gauthier moved to accept the Palliser Audited Financial Statement as information. CARRIED
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9.12. WHMB Annual/Financial/CAO

2025-06-27	R. Bryan moved to accept the WHMB Annual Financials as presented. CARRIED
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9.13. Police Funding Model

2025-06-28	M. Worthington moved to table the Police Funding Model until the next council meeting. CARRIED
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- 9.14. Invite to Hussar
- L. Casey and M. Worthington will attend

- 9.15. Support Letter for Ringette
- The U14 and U16 have put in a bid to host the 2026 Provincials in Rockyford.

2025-06-29	M. Gauthier moved to give the Ringette a letter of support. CARRIED
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9.16. WRC Quote for VFD

2025-06-30	L. Casey moved to accept and approve the WRC Quote for VFD as presented. CARRIED
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9.17. Palliser 2026 Aerial Project

2025-06-31	R. Bryan moved to direct Administration to send an Expression of Interest to Palliser for the 2026 Aerial Project. CARRIED
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- 9.18. Paving Patches
- Brooks Asphalt is currently working with Knibbs. The Village can acquire their services for road patches.

2025-06-32	L. Casey moved to direct Administration to get a quote for road patches from Brooks Asphalt. CARRIED
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- 9.19. Letter of Concern for Ditch Mowing
- Concerned resident on Christian Ave sent a letter about expectation on residents to maintain ditches and mentioned seniors or those with difficulties. Administration reassured the concerned resident that individual matters are taken into consideration. The CAO will lead the creation of a Public Works policy handbook to ensure constancy in expectations.

2025-06-33	R. Bryan moved to accept report on the Letter as information. CARRIED
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10. REPORTS

- 10.1. WADEMSA: M. Worthington

last:

next:

 - No report
- 10.2. WHMB: M. Gauthier

last: 5/15

next: 6/19

 - New CAO has been hired – training begins and carries until CAO is retired.
 - July, no meeting; it’s the BBQ
 - August, no meeting
 - Lots of entertainment and activity for the Seniors
- 10.3. DDSWMA: L. Casey

last:

next: 6/13

 - No new report
- 10.4. WFCSS: R. Bryan

last: 5/28

next: 6/25

 - Increasing visibility and awareness of programs
 - New program to be a peer support for men
- 10.5. WRC: M. Gauthier

last:

next: 6/18

 - No new report
- 10.6. CFWR: R. Bryan

last: 5/22

next: 6/19 - AGM

 - Basement renovations are complete – 4 units for rent, 2 are already leased
 - Land bridge financing is going well
- 10.7. Library: L. Casey

last: 6/3

next: 7/2

 - Getting ready for the Golf Tournament
- 10.8. WREMP –

next:

 - Quarterly Update in the package

2025-06-34	L. Casey moved to accept the reports as presented. CARRIED
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11. OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1. A) Policies submitted May 14th

2025-06-35	R. Bryan moved to rescind and adopt the policies as presented. Rescinded: 1210-2 Website 1302 Code of Conduct & Ethic Adopted: 1210-2 Website; addition of “advertising” & rewording New Policy: 2006 Accident Response 4003 Asset Retirement Obligation 4004 Facilities Maintenance 4005 Building/Development Inspection CARRIED
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B) Policies New Batch for June 11th

2025-06-36	M. Gauthier moved to accept Policies for review at the July 9 th 2025 Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED
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C) Property Tax Mill Rate

- With the help of D. Klem, county property assessor, changes were made to the formulas making two versions for the Property Tax Bylaw – Council discussed.

D) Property Tax Bylaw

2025-06-37	R. Bryan moved first reading of the Property Tax Bylaw 2025-05. CARRIED
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2025-06-38	M. Worthington moved second reading of the Property Tax Bylaw 2025-05. CARRIED
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2025-06-39	L. Casey introduced 3 rd reading of the Public Notification Bylaw 2025-05. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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2025-06-40	M. Gauthier moved third and final reading of the Property Tax Bylaw 2025-05. CARRIED
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2025-06-41	L. Casey moved to direct Administration to create the Public Works handbook. CARRIED
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12. COUNCILORS CONCERNS:

12.1. R. Bryan: none

12.2. L. Casey:

- Library wants the sidewalk repair completed.
 - Administration has the sidewalk included in the repair list.
- Cars are regularly parked along 3rd Street making it congested.
 - Administration has already directed PW to call in vehicles that don't have plates or are suspect of registration. Street parking is not an alterable or enforceable offense by the Village.

12.3. M. Worthington: none

12.4. M. Gauthier:

- Double check PW training regarding the installation of internet that they are being safe and away of utilities and wiring within a wall.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

2025-06-42	R. Bryan moved to go in closed session under FOIP, Div 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, s. 27, s 21, s 23, s 27, and s 29 at 9:15pm. CARRIED
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2025-06-43	L. Casey moved to return to regular session at 9:32pm. CARRIED
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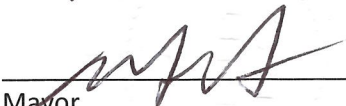
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2025-06-44	M. Worthington moved to instruct staff to begin the process of negotiating a new ICF with Wheatland County. CARRIED
2025-06-45	M. Worthington moved to direct staff to write three letters to Wheatland County for three infrastructure projects requesting an amount starting with the last disbursement plus 3% for sidewalks, road patches and parks. CARRIED
2025-06-46	L. Casey moved to sign the FCM Grant Agreement with correction made on page 17, item 3, “Project Sources of Funding”, line 2 which should state the source for cash as The Village of Standard. CARRIED


14. ADJOURN

R. Bryan moved to adjourn at 9:35pm.

These minutes approved this 10th day of September, 2025.



Mayor



CAO