REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2016 7:00PM STANDARD VILLAGE OFFICE

AMENDED

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER
- 1.1 AGENDA ADDITIONS approval
- 1.2 GUEST: Aaron Sommerfeldt To discuss the role of municipal government (7:00 PM)
- 2. PUBLIC WORKS/INFRASTRUCTURE:
 - A) UV Parts Replacement
 - B) B.Gates Water Line Replacement Lttr
 - C) Smell from Sundgaard Farm
 - D) Christmas Light Display (A.Larsen)
 - E) Memory Lane Update (A.Larsen)
 - F)
 - G) Regional Water
 - X) Public Works Concerns
 - Y) Councilor's Concerns
- 3. MINUTES:
 - A) December 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- 4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS approval
- 5. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS approval
- 6. OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET VARIANCE approval
 A) Approval of 2016 Interim Budget Variance
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE
- 8. REPORTS:
 - A) WADEMSA A. Sommerfeldt
 - B) DDSWMA A. Larsen
 - C) Wheatland Lodge A. Larsen
 - D) WFCSS J. Pedersen
 - E) CFWREDC J. Pedersen

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 13, 2016 Continued

3	9.	OLD BUSINESS:
		A) B)
	10.	BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING:
		A) B)
	11.	NEW BUSINESS
		 A) Dog Attack B) Resolution – Supporting Grant Application C) By-Election for Councilor Position D) STD Lions Sports Day.
<i>\rightarrow</i>	12.	OTHER BUSINESS
		A) Appreciation Dinner B) Linear Tax Symposium C)
	13.	ADJOURN

VILLAGE OF STANDARD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2016

PRESENT

Mayor Alan Larsen, Deputy Mayor Joe Pedersen, Councilors

Martin Gauthier, and Adam Sommerfeldt

Leah Jensen – C.A.O.

Yvette April-Administrative Assistant

Malcolm McKinnon - Public Works Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER Mayor A. Larsen called the regular meeting to order at 6:58PM.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

01-01-13-16

Moved by J.Pedersen that the agenda additions be approved as

presented.

CARRIED

GUEST:

Aaron Sommerfeldt – Scouts Project to Discuss Roles of Local Government

A.Larsen welcomed Aaron Sommerfeldt to the meeting and asked him to explain why he was attending the meeting. Aaron explained that he is in Scouts and one of his projects is to find out what the role of local government involves. He had three questions; what are council's responsibilities, why are a small village's expenses so high compared to a larger center, and how are decisions made.

Aaron Sommerfeldt left the meeting at 7:08PM

PUBLIC WORKS/INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

A) UV Parts Replacement

M.McKinnon reported that a sensor on train 2 broke down and the lamps (bulbs) were acting up and needed replacing. The lamps are usually good for 12,000-13,000 hours and with the amount of use they received this past summer they had reached their life expectancy. Staff was directed to keep a copy of the invoice for the regional water corporation.

B) B. Gates - Water Line Replacement Letter

B. Gates sent another letter council expressing his displeasure with how the matter of the water line replacement is being handled. The letter reiterated his request to have council review the water/sewer line replacement bylaw, as well as the fairness and charges listed on the bill from Greys Ltd who did the job, among other items in the letter. A.Larsen asked public works staff if they are satisfied with the bill from Greys or were the charges excessive? M.McKinnon explained that he was satisfied with the invoice from Greys. M.Gauthier expressed his concerns with the existing bylaw and doesn't feel that it is right that residents are responsible for both water and sewer line breaks that take place past the property line. M.McKinnon tried to explain that part of the reason why the bylaw states that residents are responsible from the main line to their home is because some water valves are on public property and some are on private property. It was then discussed that part of B. Gates issue with the Village is that he would like Council to at least review the bylaw and consider changing it. J.Pedersen commented that regardless of when Council reviews the bylaw, Mr. Gates is still responsible for the bill to fix the water line break because the bylaw was in existence at the time of the break. Council directed staff to contact the village lawyer and ask if the bylaw can be reviewed even with this

outstanding issue, and what if any reprecutions there are in doing so.

C) Smell from Sundgaard Poultry Farm

The village office received two letters from residents complaining about the smell from the poultry farm. A.Larsen reported that he spoke with Don Sundgaard at the time of the smell, and it was explained to him that the farm had just shipped chickens and they were airing out the barns, that was why the smell was more intense. There is speculation that the other reason why there is a smell in the town at times is due to how dead chickens are destroyed, the trouble is how to prove or disprove the theories. Council directed staff to write a letter to Sundgaard Poultry Farm and inform them that the village has been receiving complaints regarding the odor and if someone would like to address council at the next meeting to discuss the matter it would be appreciated.

D) Christmas Light Display

A Standard resident commented that they had been to Rockyford and that village had light displays on the light posts and it looked so nice. A.Larsen inquired as to how Rockyford is able to put up the decorations. Rockyford pays for a man lift in order to up the displays. Standard's lit decorations are getting old and some need some repair work before they would be able to be put again for Christmas. Public Works will look into repairing the decorations for Christmas 2016. A.Larsen also suggested that perhaps the Village should sponsor a "best decorated house/yard" contest. Council agreed to table the idea till closer to December.

E) Memory Lane Update

A.Larsen reported that a newsletter will be mailed out to each resident reporting on the project. The Sundgaards have donated 160 acres to be seeded and the profits from the harvest of that land will be donated to the Memory Lane project. The group will be looking for donations for the seed and spraying. Knibb Developments has offered to donate some dirt work for the construction of the path.

F) Regional Water

The next regional water meeting is January 19th and a budget meeting to take place the 26th. A.Larsen asked what will happen to Clare and Verna Nelson who currently receive their water from the Standard Springs line and that line is shut off when the regional corporation takes over operations? M.McKinnon reported that Clare has expressed interest in joining the regional system. Shutting off the spring's line into Standard also affects Harvey and Clifford Larsen. After some discussion, it was decided that once more information is gathered regarding the springs license and what will happen if or when the springs line is shut down, then a meeting will need to be set up between Council and the affected parties.

G) Public Works Concerns

M.McKinnon will be on vacation from January 14th to 29th. J.Pedersen advised that if K.Hauck requires any assistance during which time, he would be available.

H) Council Concerns

A.Larsen asked if letters to residents regarding installation of water meters had been sent yet; staff advised that no they had not. He also inquired about the playground zone sign at the east end of 9th Ave on County property and as to whether that sign had been

moved or another sign added to warn motorists. The County had been contacted we were waiting on a response. It was suggested by Council that an email be sent to the RCMP Liaison and inform him of the situation regarding speeding motorists coming from the east into Standard which is a playground zone.

M.McKinnon left the meeting at 8:35PM

MINUTES

02-01-13-16

Moved by J. Pedersen that the minutes of the December 9, 2015

regular meeting be approved.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

03-01-13-16

Moved by A.Sommerfeldt that the January 2016 Financial

Statement be approved as presented.

CARRIED

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

04-01-13-16

Moved by J.Pedersen that the followings accounts be paid:

December 2015 Batch 2

Cheque # 8123 to Cheque # 8139 for \$55,087.61

Direct Debit \$1,480.90

TOTAL \$56,568.51

January 2016 Batch 1

 Cheque # 8140 to Cheque # 8161 for Direct Debit
 \$28,091.29

 TOTAL
 \$ 7,430.14

 \$35,521.43

Total Account Payable \$92,089.94 CARRIED

OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET VARIANCES

05-01-13-16 Moved by M. Gauthier that the Operating and Capital Budget

Variances to December 31, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

06-01-13-16 Moved by A.Larsen that the 2016 Interim Operating and Capital

Budget Variance be approved at 25% of last year's budget.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDANCE

<u>REPORTS</u>

WADEMSA

A. Sommerfeldt reported as follows:

- Had AGM and regular meeting on January 11th

- Discussed raising requisition for fire dispatch to \$4/capita

- Looking into crisis counselling for staff

- Having ambulance staff take emergency driving training

- Next meeting February 1st

DDSWMA

A.Larsen reported as follows:

- Met December 17th

- Was the Organization and Budget meeting

- The executive stayed the same

- 2016 Requisition for Standard was set at \$14,269.35
- The group will remain part of SAEWA
- Tipping fees were increased by approx. \$2.50
- \$108,613 surplus for 2015, running a deficit budget of \$72 for 2016
- Inmate program has been suspended
- Next meeting February 25th

WHTLD. LODGE

A. Larsen reported as follows:

- Met December 10th
- Losing the head cook due to medical reasons
- Municipalities who received property taxes from the Lodge must pay back the money. The Province used to pay a grant in lieu of taxes to the lodge that then used that money to pay the taxes.
 The Province cut that and no longer issues the grant. Standard had to pay back just over \$3,000 in property taxes to the Lodge.
- Next regular meeting is January 14th

WFCSS

- J.Pedersen reported as follows:
- No meeting
- Christmas Hamper program went well
- Next meeting January 27th

CFWREDC

- J. Pedersen reported as follows:
- Met January 8th
- Carbon changed their representative
- Doing well financially
- Chinook Entrepreneur Challenge will be beginning soon
- Province has brought back the STEP Program
- CFWREDC is looking for a new General Manager in Drumheller
- Next meeting January 20th (Governance Mtg) and February 4th (regular mtg)

NEW BUSINESS

A) Dog Attack

On December 31st a male resident was attacked by two Pitbull dogs. It was guite a serious attack that sent the victim to hospital. Both dogs were removed from the house that day to undergo a guarantine period. After it was determined that both dogs were up to date on their shots and were in good health the animals were released back to the owner. The existing dog bylaw does not permit the County or the Village to remove the animals. The County is currently working on updating the dog bylaw. Because of the seriousness of the attack the file was presented at court in Drumheller to request that the dogs be removed from the home and be taken to Calgary for a behavioral assessment, and that the case be presented at a Provincial court level under the Dangerous Dog Act. The judge granted the request. The County Peace Officers went to pick up the dogs at which time the owner decided to sign over one of the dogs to the County's care and requested that the dog be "put down". The remaining dog was taken to Calgary Animal Services where they will be performing a behavioral assessment and reporting the findings to the owner as well as the County Peace Officers. There is a court date set for February 10th for this case to be heard in Strathmore. Council requested that a letter be sent to the victim, letting them know that the Village is working with the County to update our dog bylaw in order to be better equipped should another unfortunate event like this ever occurs.

B) Resolution – Supporting Grant Application with the County

07-01-13-16

Moved by M.Gauthier that the Village of Standard authorize to participate in an application for the Contaminated Sites Review for the sum of \$60,000, submitted by the designated managing partner Wheatland County under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component of the Alberta Community Partnership for the 2015/2016 fiscal year, further;

That the Village of Standard, a participant, agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement, governing the purpose and use of the grand funds.

CARRIED

08-01-13-16

Moved by A.Sommerfeldt that the Village of Standard authorize to participate in an application for the continued work on a Regional Emergency Preparedness Plan for the sum of \$160,00C, submitted by the designated managing partner Wheatland County under the Alberta Community Partnership Program for the 2015/2016 fiscal year, further;

That the Village of Standard, a participant, agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement, governing the purpose and use of the grand funds.

CARRIED

C) By-Election for Councilor Position

Presented as information. Ron Corbiell handed in his resignation from Council effective January 5th, 2016. Nomination day shall be 4 weeks before Election Day and unless council sets an earlier date, Election Day for a by-election is 90 days after the vacancy occurs.

D) Standard Lions Sports Days Event

The Standard Lions wrote a letter to Council requesting to break up ground 100' x 170' just north of the small ball diamond to use for kids sheep riding/wild pony races and the working horse competition.

09-01-13-16

Moved by M.Gauthier that the Village of Standard allow the Standard Lions Club to break up a grassed area approximately 100' x 170' just north of the small ball diamonds, but not into the soccer field area, in order to create an area suitable for rodeo/ag events.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

A) Appreciation Dinner

Council discussed and agreed that an appreciation dinner for all the year of service on council should be held for Ron Corbiell. The dinner should take place at the Country Farmhouse restaurant near Cluny. Staff is to check with Ron to see if February 6th or 13th works best for him. Council directed staff to invite the past councilors who sat on council with Ron.

B) Linear Tax Symposium

A linear tax symposium is being held on January 15th in Calgary. A.Larsen inquired as to whether a representative from the village should be attending. After some discussion, it was decided that no one would attend.

ADJOURN 10-01-13-16

Moved by J. Pedersen that the meeting adjourn at 10:19PM