

Village of Standard Special Council Meeting

Standard Village Office – 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 27 2026

PRESENT

Mayor Martin Gauthier
Deputy Mayor Brandon Duffala
Councillor Richard Bryan
Councillor Brian Pedersen
Councillor Rhett Penny
CAO Yvette April
Admin Laura Klassen
PW James Davis

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

M. Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2.0 GUESTS

Chris Watson, MPE Engineering

3.0 MPE Engineering Presentation, Presented by Christ Watson

- Presented with four (4) different proposal schedules for Frederick Ave infrastructure improvements
 - o A) Frederick Ave between Post Office and 1st street
 - Estimated costs: \$745,000
 - o B) Frederick Ave between 1st street and 2nd street
 - Estimated costs: \$945,000
 - o C) Frederick Ave extension from 2nd street to new development
 - Estimated costs: \$1,237,000
 - o D) The Broadway improvements
 - Estimated costs: \$1,212,000
- All proposals include water, storm, and sanitation infrastructure replacements and improvements, with the replacement of pavement and asphalt
- Council discussed which schedule is most “at risk” for infrastructure failure.
- Compared costs between schedules, seeing if elements of schedules can be removed or differed to keep costs down
- Discussed moving forward with Schedule A and B together

Guest Chris Watson left the meeting at 7pm.

4.0 PUBLIC WORKS ½ TON REPORT AND WISHLIST

- Public Works took vehicle to Standard High Repair for prior suspension repair, discovered a leak in the engine bay
 - o Mechanic predicts to be head gasket leak, 20+ hours of labour plus parts
- Proposed to Council to replace ½ Ton with new ¾ Ton
 - o Suggested that ¾ ton may be overkill, but has the capability to do more
- discussed the possibility of purchasing new vs. used truck
 - o Proposed financing new, would incorporate into asset management plan

2026-01-27-01-SPM	M. Gauthier moved to have Administration to inquire on ¾ Ton truck for Public Works use	CARRIED
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- Discussed “wishlist” of requested Public Works supplies
 - o Not necessarily a requirement, but to keep in mind for future purchasing
- Wishlist included:
 - o Updated lighting in PW shop beside office
 - Currently still using lighting from building was still Fire Hall
 - To research Ballast-Bypass lighting to replace bulbs
 - o Two (2) gas-powered trimmers, one being combi-unit with sweeper and power wheel

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- Portable crane and gantry
- 2nd zero-turn lawnmower
- Flatbed trailer
 - Current flatbed is makeshift, in need of replacement
- Mini excavator
- Backpack Blower
 - Would decrease sidewalk sweeping times when snow/foilage is minimal

M. Gauthier called for a 5-minute Recess at 7:28pm.

Public Works J. Davis left the meeting at 7:28pm.

M. Gauthier called meeting back to order at 7:34pm.

4.0 MPE Engineering Presentation Continued

- Grant and funding totals from LGFF total approximately \$831,789.00 for current or future projects
 - Can also use future years from LGFF to fund current projects – Current operating funds sufficient
- Discussed MPS project proposals, and where estimated quotes would fit into project funding
- Additional infrastructure funding available from Wheatland County and CCBF

2026-01-27-02-SPM	Moved by M. Gauthier to tender Schedule D of MPE Infrastructure Improvements	
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2026-01-27-03-SPM	Rescinded by M. Gauthier to tender Schedule D, to bring discussion to next council meeting	
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6.0 REVIEW ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Council given revised Bylaw 2026- _ - Council Meeting Procedure Bylaw
- Discussed Asset Management policy and plan to be read and reviewed yearly by Council
- Funds set aside for the continual operation of Assets
- Multiple items that may need to be added to Asset Management plan
 - WRC budget came in high, consider setting an amount to set aside for future repairs as to not hinder operating budget

7.0 REVIEW OF 2025 BUDGET and 3-YEAR OPERATING / 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

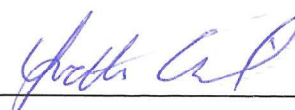
- Council given copies of current 2025 Budget, 3-year Operating, and 5-year Capital Plan for review
 - Once audit in place in February, allocations should be balanced within budget

R. Bryan to Adjourn meeting at 8:51pm

These minutes approved this 11th day of February, 2026



Martin Gauthier, Mayor



Yvette April, CAO