

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Standard Village Office, 7pm
Wednesday, February 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 Remove from Signing Authority 6.2 a) Library lease b) Capital budget c) Waterline Break d) 3 year Budget 6.3 CRISP Report 6.4 Insurance update & ABmunis Support email Quote for (increase Deductible) ➤ 6.5 8760 Tender 6.6 EPR Concerns Response-Minister
	FINANCIAL REPORTS
8.0	CORRESPONDENCE 8.1 CCBF 10 year agreement 8.2 Marigold Update 8.3 CFWR Feb Update 8.4 Remax Jan Housing Stat 8.5 M. Shields Election 2025
9.0	NEW BUSINESS 9.1 Library Board Appointments ➤ 9.2 Bare Lot Building Agreement 9.3 Lot sales Update 9.4 Borrowing Bylaw 9.5 WHMB Letter to MLA 9.6 Strathmore Invite 9.7 Tractor Purchase 9.8 Lions Campground Trees

	<p>9.9 Support letter for CT scan</p> <p>9.10 Fire Facility Ground Lease</p> <p>9.11 MPC Meetings</p> <p>9.12 New Campground reservation</p> <p>9.13 Yolo Nomad Presentation</p> <p>9.14 Year In Review Drumheller Mail</p> <p>9.15 PRMS Call for Members at Large</p> <p>9.16 Audit Engagement letter</p> <p>9.17 CUPW Review of CP</p> <p>9.18 AUC Approval</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 Asset Management</p> <p>10.9 Strategic Planning</p> <p>10.10 Development Planning</p> <p>10.11 Solar Proposal</p> <p>10.12 RCMP Stats</p> <p>10.13 WREMP</p>
11.0	<p>ONGOING BUSINESS</p> <p>11.1 Bylaws / Policies</p> <p>a) Policies submitted Jan 8</p> <p>b) Policies New Batch For Mar 12</p> <p>11.2 Budget 2025 Draft #3</p> <p>*Campground Vandalism</p> <p>*Lagoon Diverter</p> <p>*Esso Building</p> <p>11.3 Bylaw Repeal</p>
12.0	<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</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

GUEST

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

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2025-02-01	R. Bryan moved to adopt the agenda as amended: 9.18 AUC Approval 9.19 Sidewalks & Snow Removal 9.20 Training for PW 10.12 RCMP Public Consultation CARRIED
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3. GUESTS: none

4. PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT:

Public Works

- Usual daily inspections
- Snow removal
- Sanding intersections and problem areas
- Assisting Connect Mobility with installation services
- Moving shop location is complete
- Gathering Tractor quotes and information
- Performing general maintenance
- Repairing a starter issue on the mower w/cab
- Vandalism at the campground

Administration

- CAO met with emergency management in the Village
- Training with Palliser for Development Permits
- Attended virtual meeting with CampSpot – the new camp reservation website
- Researched insurance, CRISP, Bare lot agreement
- Prep work for the Audit happening March 4-6th
- Fielded lots of call on Lot Sales
 - Administration will create a directory of local contractors to be available
 - Council recommended making a package that also included information about the internet and promoting other amenities.
- Warranty repair work that took place: Xerox, Admin Asst work station, and the laptop.
- Asset Management and Budget discussions
- March 13th the office will be closed for all day Munisoft training.

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

2025-02-03	L. Casey moved to adopt the minutes from the January 8 th , 2025 Regular Council. CARRIED
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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, OR RFD's

6.1. Remove from Signing Authority

2025-02-04	M. Gauthier moved to remove A. Sommerfeldt from Signing Authority for the Village of Standard. CARRIED
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6.2. Library

- a) Lease
- b) Capital budget
- c) Waterline break

2025-02-05	M. Worthington moved to direct staff to send a draft of the lease agreement with a letter of invitation to attend the next council meeting to discuss the water line break and possible resolutions. CARRIED
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- d) 3 year Budget

2025-02-06	R. Bryan moved to accept the Standard Library 3-year Budget as presented. CARRIED
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6.3. CRISP Update

2025-02-07	M. Gauthier moved to direct staff to attend the Administration meeting with County Administration regarding the County Infrastructure Funding. CARRIED
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6.4. Insurance Update & ABmunis Support email Quote for (increase deductible)

CAO reported that the total insurance cost increases this year to \$63,000 from \$48,000 in the previous year. The cause is the routine, every 5-year reassessment. Also, increasing the deductible does not significantly impact the overall costs.

2024-02-08	L. Casey moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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6.5. 8760 Tender

2024-02-09	L. Casey moved to join the 8760 Tender before the March expiry. CARRIED
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6.6. EPR Concerns Response-Minister

2025-02-10	L. Casey moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2024-02-11	L. Casey moved to adopt the January Financials as presented. CARRIED
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8. CORRESPONDENCE

2024-02-12	L. Casey moved to accept the Correspondence as information. CARRIED
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Library Board Appointments

2025-02-13	M. Gauthier moved to appoint the following individuals to the Standard Municipal Library Board for the specified terms: Connie Harder – term expiry date December 31, 2026 Verna Nelson – term expiry date December 31, 2027 Jolayne Christensen – term expiry date December 31, 2027 John Getz – term expiry date December 31, 2027 Larry Casey – term expiry date October 31, 2027 Mark Clark – term expiry date December 31, 2027 Brielle Story – term expiry date December 31, 2025 CARRIED
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2025-02-14	M. Worthington moved to re-appoint the following individuals to the Standard Municipal Library Board for the specified terms: Verna Nelson – three year term – term expiry date December 31, 2027 John Getz – three year term – term expiry date December 31, 2027 Mark Clark – three year term – term expiry date December 31, 2027 CARRIED
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9.2. Bare Lot Building Agreement

9.3. Lot sales Update

CAO Reported on 9.2 & 9.3 together: two more lot sales are pending, the total pending sales at this time is 4. There is lots of interest. Lost two sales – 305 3rd Street due to MPC's decision that house was too small, and one potential buyer's legal expressed concerns about the Bare Lot Purchase agreement. His concerns were presented to the Village's legal (John Getz) and redone.

2025-02-15	M. Worthington moved to adopt the Bare Lot Building Agreement as presented. CARRIED
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2025-02-16	R. Bryan moved to accept the CAO report on lot sales as information. CARRIED
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9.4. Borrowing Bylaw – annual, routine bylaw

2025-02-17	M. Worthington moved to give 1 st reading of the Borrowing Bylaw 2025-01. CARRIED
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2025-02-18	R. Bryan moved to give 2 nd reading of the Borrowing Bylaw 2025-01. CARRIED
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2025-02-19	M. Gauthier moved to introduce 3 rd reading of the Borrowing Bylaw 2025-01. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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2025-02-20	L. Casey moved to give 3 rd and final reading of the Borrowing Bylaw 2025-01. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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9.5. WHMB Letter to MLA

2025-02-21	R. Bryan moved to send letter of support to MLA for the new lodge. DEFEATED
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9.6. Strathmore Invite

2025-02-22	L. Casey moved to accept Strathmore invite to attend the Regional Collaboration Meeting on February 26 th , 2025. CARRIED
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9.7. Tractor Purchase

2025-02-23	R. Bryan moved to approved the purchase of the Kubota Tractor for \$164,229.43 CARRIED
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2025-02-24	R. Bryan moved to move \$10,000 from the Garbage Truck Reserves to the Large Tractor Reserves. CARRIED
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9.8. Lions Campground Trees

2025-02-25	L. Casey moved to send letter to the Lions Club to request their 2025 landscaping plans for the campground. CARRIED
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9.9. Support Letter for CT Scan

2025-02-26	L. Casey moved to send letter of support for Frontier Diagnostics CT scan at the Strathmore Hospital to the Minister of Health. CARRIED
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9.10. Fire Facility Ground Lease

CAO was recently included in an email conversation with SRFA and the County regarding SRFA's request to lease more land, which includes signing a lease agreement. There are questions regarding insurance for activities on the land and how that pertains to the water loadout, and by extension, who is responsible to provide this insurance since the loadout is owned by the Village, but the remaining building and land would be the responsibility of the SRFA.

2025-02-27	M. Gauthier moved to direct staff to contact SRFA to be more concise about what liabilities and contaminations they are concerned about, or are they just looking for an agreement to understand the Village's liabilities. CARRIED
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9.11. MPC Meetings

CAO reported that MPC meetings may need to meet during the day because decisions are required to be given the same day it is made, and after-council-meeting MPC meetings are too late to give the decision.

2025-02-28	M. Worthington moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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9.12. New Campground reservation

2025-02-29	M. Worthington moved that staff sign the new agreement with Campspot. CARRIED
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9.13. Yolo Nomad Presentation

2025-02-30	L. Casey moved to invite Yolo Nomad to present to Council. DEFEATED
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9.14. Year in Review Drumheller Mail

CAO requested a motion to share a year in review for all requests that may occur over the year.

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2025-02-31	M. Worthington moved to send the year in review to interested publications upon request. CARRIED
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9.15. PRMS Call for Members at Large

2025-02-32	M. Worthington moved to accept as information and instruct staff to advertise for Member at Large in the next community newsletter. CARRIED
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9.16. Audit Engagement letter

2025-02-33	L. Casey moved to sign the audit engagement letter with Gregory Harriman and Associates for the 2024 Audit. CARRIED
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9.17. CUPW Review of CP

2025-02-34	M. Gauthier moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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9.18. AUC Approval

2025-02-35	R. Bryan moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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9.19. Sidewalks & Snow Removal

2025-02-36	M. Gauthier moved that as of April 1, 2025, the Village of Standard stops cleaning residential and business sidewalks in town. DEFEATED
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2025-02-37	M. Gauthier moved to direct the CAO to review the snow clearing procedures to ensure sidewalks are cleared to bare concrete/pavement. CARRIED
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9.20. Training for Public Works

Council discussion regarding PW training for running equipment and following various best practices and procedures. CAO reminded Council that PW employees qualified when hired, and will participate in training, formal and informal, when needed.

10. REPORTS

10.1. WADEMSA: M. Worthington last: 1/28 next: 2/18

- WADEMSA has a large fund that AHS wants
- EMS moving to Connect Care
- CAO job is being advertised
- A human rights complaint against WADEMSA was received
- Cost of the call center is \$8/capita; investigator acquiring another staff member
- Only 1 manager right now so things move slowly

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10.4. WFCSS: R. Bryan	last: 1/22	next: 2/26
• Cancelled due to no quorum		
10.5. WRC: M. Gauthier	last: 12/18	next: 2/19
• Budget numbers expected to be ready after the next meeting		
10.6. CFWR: R. Bryan	last: 2/6	next: 3/13
• First successful builder bridge financing loan		
• Renovating the basement to make office space available for rent		
10.7. Library: L. Casey	last: 2/3	next: 3/3
• Working on the Golf tournament and considering other funding sources		
10.8. Asset Management :		
• Administration has completed AM schedules which include 10 year budgets for all services		
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10.9 Strategic Plan:		
• No new update		
• Continued use of newsletter to encourage community connection		
10.10 Development Planning		
• No new update		
10.11 Solar Proposal		
• No new update		
10.12 RCMP Stats – public consultation website closes on Feb 14 th .		
10.13 WREMP – no report		

2025-02-38	M. Gauthier moved to accept reports as information. CARRIED
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11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1. Bylaws/Policies

2025-01-20	<p>M. Gauthier moved to rescind and adopt the policies as presented. Rescinded:</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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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:

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off during off-season. Council discussed insurance coverage for the pedestal and installing barriers to protect the pedestals.

- Lagoon Diverter – a damaged diverter was located in the Industrial Park. WRC has acquired one quote for repair. The cost of repair will be from the 2024 Budget.

2025-02-41	M. Gauthier moved to repair the diverter for under \$10,000 subject to the second quotation. CARRIED
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- Esso Building – Does council want to include Esso Building renovations in the 2025 Budget? Council does not approve the Esso Building renovations as part of the budget; discussed possibilities of turning the building over to a different owner; agreed there needs to be clear direction.
- Administration presented council with a budget graph portraying the budgetary trends for each expense department.
- Administration informed council that with recent lot sales and provincial grants which can be used until the end of 2026, the Village can explore two major projects for 2025 which are:
 1. complete the Industrial Park road
 2. complete the repair schedule for Frederick Ave from the Post Office to 2nd Street W
 3. develop Frederick Ave from 2nd Street W to 3rd Street W, creating more residential lotsCAO proposed putting out tenders

2025-02-42	R. Bryan moved to have MPE put out a tender for Frederick Ave as 2 parts being: Part A: Post office to 2 nd Street W. Part B: 2 nd Street W – 3 rd Street W. CARRIED
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2025-02-43	M. Gauthier moved to have Arcsons to put out a tender for the Phase 1 & 2 of the Industrial Park. CARRIED
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- CAO required unused 2024 budget lines to defer to 2025's Budget.

2025-02-44	L. Casey moved to defer Budget 2024 "sidewalks" at \$5,000. CARRIED
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2025-02-45	L. Casey moved to defer Budget 2024 "WHMB: Portion of Funding Required to Undertake Design Work to Enable a Shovel Ready Application" at \$9,785. CARRIED
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2025-02-46	M. Gauthier moved to defer Budget 2024 "WHMB Request for Reserve Funds" at \$2,097. CARRIED
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11.3. Bylaw Repeal

2025-02-47	M. Gauthier moved repeal Bylaw 119 Prohibit Sale of Firecrackers which was not specified in the Community Standards Bylaw as repealed. CARRIED
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12. COUNCILORS CONCERNS:

- 12.1. R. Bryan: Snow clearing – a resident complained of an embankment created by PW scraping down the road.
- 12.2. L. Casey: none
- 12.3. M. Worthington: Requested from Admin to bring a list at the next meeting of infrastructure funds that weren't spent in 2024, maintenance projects funds not spent, and a 2025 plan for capital spending.
- 12.4. M. Gauthier: The fire hydrant in front of the arena is blocked by parked vehicles.
Admin Response: Admin will look into "no parking" signs to keep the fire hydrant clear and will advertise for observers to call the RCMP non-emergency line when this happens.

13. CLOSED SESSION: none

14. ADJOURN

R. Bryan moved to adjourn at 10:00pm.

These minutes approved this 12 day of March, 2025.



Mayor



CAO