

**VILLAGE OF STANDARD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER MEETING
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

PRESENT

Mayor Alan Larsen, Deputy Mayor Joe Pedersen, Councilors
Martin Gauthier, Adam Sommerfeldt, and Brandon Duffala

Leah Jensen – C.A.O.

Perry Ellis, Trent Sundgaard – Standard Ag Society
Kim McCullough – Standard Curling Club
Carol McKay – Standard Beautification
Jean Wagemakers – Standard Lionettes
Lori Bach – Standard Municipal Library
Julie Reagan – Standard Figure Skating Club
Dale Beingsner – Standard Lions
Cindy Collins – Standard Baseball
Brent Gregory – Standard Community Hall
Leeanne Gerrard – Standard Playschool
Verna Nelson – Standard Lionettes, Hall, & Library

CALL TO ORDER Mayor A. Larsen called the regular meeting to order at 7:02PM.

A.Larsen welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Village of Standard received funding from the Wheatland County through an agreement called CRISP which standard for County Regional Infrastructure Services Program. It is a five year agreement where the amount to be given to the Village is subject to change. In 2016 the Village received \$89,874.32 and are expecting to receive 2017's allocation in June or July.

The group had a lot of questions such as when will the Village decide how to spend the money and when will the funds be disbursed? What percentage of the money will be dedicated to the volunteer groups? Will the Village keep any funds for infrastructure improvements within the Village and what improvements would those be? When should the groups apply to the Village for funding and how? Council explained that the first step is having this meeting to discuss and get an idea of all the projects happening or planning to happen within the Village. The plan is to host a meeting such as this one every year about this time next year to see how each of the groups are doing and where financial help is needed. Funds will be disbursed once Council reaches a decision, hopefully in the near future.

Volunteer Group Updates

Standard Ag Society

The Ag Society has been working on applying for grants for three years to replace the lighting in the arena to LED lights which could save them between 40-60% on their power bill. The quotes for this work have come in at approximately \$50,000. They are also trying to fundraise for the purchase of a new Zamboni which is estimated to cost approximately \$50,000. The ice plant motor needs to be rebuilt, but the Standard Lions is donating the funds of approximately \$12,000 for that expense. The Ag Society will be receiving some funds from the Canada 150 Grant, but it is a matching grant.

Standard Baseball (under the Ag Society)

Last year they had enough kids sign up to make up five teams. The Lions purchased new bases, but the catchers equipment needs to be replaced as it is close to twenty years old. The

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jerseys are handed back in at the end of every season, but some don't come back and need to be replaced. The shale in the ball diamonds needs to be replaced as well. The Standard Baseball group would be happy to receive funds of approximately \$5,000.

Standard Figure Skating Club

They worked a casino not that long ago and are doing well financially at this point.

Standard Lionettes

They are doing well financially as well. Their mandate is to help support youth and seniors in the community. They have been helping the library when needed as well.

Standard Beautification

They are financially stable at this point too.

Standard Lions

They do not need any money at this point. They are helping the curling club with a donation of \$70,000 to help with their renovations.

Standard Curling Club

They are planning and saving for renovations that should cost approximately \$300,000-400,000. So far they have \$280,000. The club plans to paint the ceiling over the ice surface and the concrete under the ice, do some landscaping between the arena and the curling rink, and do some renovations to the lounge area and purchase new tables and chairs.

Standard Municipal Library

So far they have not been able to get a casino, but are going to try applying one more time. The fundraisers they will be doing this year will be the golf tournament, ham & oyster dinner, and a Mothers Day market. So far they have 12-15 vendors signed up to have a table at the market. They received \$10,000 from WFCSS for programming that the librarian is planning to do. The library needs to replace the projector. They use the projector for video conferencing and movie events at the library. A new projector costs between \$1,500-2,000. They also want to replace the concrete steps and wheelchair ramp. This work will cost approximately \$20,000-24,000.

Standard Playschool

The playschool receives money from the Lions to host a variety of children's games and activities at Standard Sports Days. For the past two years they have rented a blow up obstacle course at \$700 for the day. The playschool thought maybe some of the CRISP funding could purchase a blow up obstacle course and could maybe rent it out. Further research into insurance and liability would need to be done before proceeding.

Standard Community Hall

Reported they are doing well financially. They had quite a few wedding rentals this past summer and continue to rent out the hall. They received a \$15,000 grant from the County and this will be used towards paying the utilities. B. Gregory suggested that he would like to see one person in the community fill out grant applications and casino applications, as it is a lot of work and if it isn't done properly a group can miss out on money.

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Memory Lane

The estimate for building the three and half mile long walking path is \$350,000. The group is hoping to pave the path this spring. They are applying for different grant funds and they made quite a bit of money this past summer with the donated farm land project.

A.Larsen reported that a few residents approached him with different ideas for projects within the Village. One of the ideas was to build an outdoor arena that could have ice in the winter and could be used for floor hockey in the summer. Another idea was to add lighting to the tennis courts. There's a group of individuals who are looking into starting a gymcana group and they could use some funding. The other idea was to upgrade the existing camping sites by adding water and sewer hookup to each site and upgrading the power supply as well.

Council explained they would consider all the information presented and will need some time to discuss how the CRISP funding will be shared.

Canada 150 Celebration

A.Larsen asked the group if any of the organizations were planning any special events for celebrating Canada's 150th birthday. It was discussed that the theme for Sports Day this year is Canada 150 and with Canada Day being the following weekend, it is best to celebrate on Sports Day. A.Larsen mentioned that in a Three Village meeting it was discussed that each of the villages need to support one another more and we can start by attending each other's community events. With that being said Hussar is going to be hosting a street dance on Canada Day, and so the group said that perhaps having Standard community members attend Hussar's street dance would be a good start to supporting one another.

A.Larsen thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all the information.

Engineering for 2017 Infrastructure Projects

L.Jensen explained that after talking with the County, if the Village would like to tender their planned infrastructure projects with the County we would have to have CIMA (the County's engineers) prepare the tender for the project. Council discussed the matter and prefers to have MPE prepare the tender and then see if CIMA will accept our tender and tender it at the same time and to the same places as the County's projects.

AWWAO Banff Courses for Public Works

Council discussed whether the Village should pay for the entrance fees for Malcolm and Keenan to the Alberta Water and Wastewater Operators Association conference in Banff. This is the conference where by attending conference discussions the men earn CEU credits towards their level II accreditation.

Moved by B.Duffala that the Village of Standard Council approve paying for the membership fees and AWWAO seminar conference fees for both Public Works employees, and that they use the

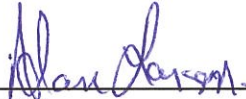
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Village truck to travel to and from the conference for the Monday,
Tuesday, and Friday seminars to earn their required CEU credits.

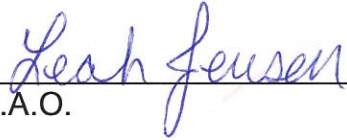
3 in Favor
2 Opposed

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:10PM



Mayor



C.A.O.