

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Standard Village Office, 7 pm  
Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 AGENDA ADDITIONS
- 3.0 GUESTS: RCMP: Mark Wielgosz
- 4.0 PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT
- 5.0 MINUTES
- 6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - 6.1 2024 Budget
  - 6.2 Fire Service Agreement
  - 6.3 Memory Lane Agreement
  - 6.4 Rocky Mountain Review
  - 6.5 Library Board Motions
- 7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS
- 8.0 CORRESPONDENCE
  - 8.1 Letter to Elected Municipal Leaders - Rebecca Schulz
  - 8.2 Letter to EO – Ric McIver
  - 8.3 LGFF Program Launch
  - 8.4 RCMP Newsletter
  - 8.5 WHC Zone Sub Reports
- 9.0 NEW BUSINESS
  - 9.1 Strategic Plan – final version
  - 9.2 LUB - update
  - 9.3 Freedom to Read
- 10.0 REPORTS
  - 10.1 WADEMSA: A. Sommerfeldt
  - 10.2 WHMB: M. Gauthier
  - 10.3 DDSWMA: L. Casey
  - 10.4 WFCSS: R. Bryan
  - 10.5 WRC: M. Gauthier
  - 10.6 CFWR: R. Bryan
  - 10.7 Library: L. Casey
  - 10.8 Asset Management: Administration
- 11.0 ONGOING BUSINESS
  - 11.1 Bylaws / Policies
    - a. Ball Tournament/Greenspace rental
    - b. Unsightly *[Review changes]*
    - c. Noise and Litter *[Review changes]*
  - 11.2 Fortis Franchise
- 12.0 COUNCILORS CONCERNS:
  - 12.1 R. Bryan
  - 12.2 A. Sommerfeldt
  - 12.3 L. Casey
  - 12.4 M. Gauthier
- 13.0 CLOSED SESSION
- 14.0 ADJOURN

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

**GUEST** Mark Weilgosz

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

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2024-01-01	R. Bryan moved to adopt the agenda with additions: 9.4 Borrowing Bylaw 9.5 Audit Letter CARRIED
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3. GUESTS:  
Mark Weilgosz presented and reported on crime statistics and the Strathmore Detachment actions for the last year.

4. PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT:

Public Works

- Incident free Xmas break, garbage pick up as usual on Dec 27th and Jan 3rd.
- Sidewalk sweeper broom on and ready for clearing.
- Assisted office with Village inspection into buildings.

Administration

- Preparing for in house Audit Jan 30th to Feb 1st.
- Village building inspection completed on Jan 4th
- Computer software year ended and ready for 2024 entries.
- Village will be advertising starting next week for Full time Public Works as B. Pedersen has submitted written warning that he will be retiring June 1st 2024.
- Advertising for By-Election published for Jan 10th and 17th, Nomination day Jan 29<sup>TH</sup>
- Phone number for residents to use for odor complaints was sent out in an email before Christmas
- EPR application completed by DDSWMA prior to deadline of Dec 31st, 2023
- Submitted grant application for Small Communities to expand the rural internet

2024-01-02	L. Casey moved to accept the Public Works and Office Monthly Report as presented. CARRIED
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5. MINUTES:

2024-01-03	L. Casey moved to adopt the minutes from the December 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 Regular Council. CARRIED
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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, OR RFD's

- 6.1. 2024 Budget: draft of the budget was presented as information; councillors will review before the next meeting
- 6.2. Fire Service Agreement: Administration reported back on councils request to find out the intent of SRFA use of capital funds. The SRFA has no plans to add on to the Fire Hall and the priority is to use the large capital funds for vehicle replacement.
- 6.3. Memory Lane Agreement: CAO reported that the utility agreement has been signed.
- 6.4. Rocky Mountain Review: CAO presented to council the report of the Village's Asset Retirement Obligation.

2024-01-04	A. Sommerfeld moved to accept the Rocky Mountain Review as presented. CARRIED
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6.5. Library Board Motions: duplicate motion made in December 13, 2023 meeting.

2024-01-05	L. Casey moved to rescind motion 2023-12-18. CARRIED
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## 7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2024-01-06	R. Bryan moved to accept the January 2024 Financial Reports as presented. CARRIED
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## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

2024-01-07	L. Casey moved to accept the Correspondence as information. CARRIED
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## 9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Strategic Plan: Administration presented the completed Strategic Plan pamphlet.

2024-01-08	M. Gauthier moved to adopt the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. CARRIED
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9.2. LUB Update: there is no update at this time.

9.3. Freedom to Read

2024-01-09	R. Bryan moved to sign the Freedom to Read Proclamation for February 2024. CARRIED
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9.4. Borrowing Bylaw

2024-01-10	A. Sommerfeldt moved the first reading of Bylaw 2024-01 Municipal Borrowing Bylaw. CARRIED
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2024-01-11	L. Casey moved the second reading of Bylaw 2024-01 Municipal Borrowing Bylaw. CARRIED
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2024-01-12	R. Bryan moved to introduce the third and final reading of Bylaw 2024-01 Municipal Borrowing Bylaw. CARRIED
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2024-01-13	M. Gauthier moved the third and final reading of Bylaw 2024-01 Municipal Borrowing Bylaw. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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9.5. Audit Letter

2024-01-14	L. Casey moved to sign the Gregory Harriman engagement letter for the 2023 audit. CARRIED
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## 10. REPORTS

10.1. WADEMSA: A. Sommerfeldt last: cancelled next: 1/15

10.2. WHMB: M. Gauthier last: 12/14 next: 1/18  
• Last meeting was the annual Christmas Party

10.3. DDSWMA: L. Casey last: next: 2/14

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- 10.5. WRC: M. Gauthier last: no mtg next: 1/17
- 10.6. CFWR: R. Bryan last: next: 2/1
- 35<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration
  - Over 1000 businesses have been helped creating 7,586 jobs in Wheatland County.
  - \$4.5 million available in loans
- 10.7. Library: L. Casey last: 1/8 next: 2/5
- 10.8. Asset Management : no report

2024-01-15	R. Bryan moved to accept Council Reports as information. CARRIED
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## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

### 11.1. Bylaws/Policies

2024-01-16	<p>A. Sommerfeldt moved to rescind and adopt the policies as presented.</p> <p>Rescinded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1308</li> <li>• Compassionate Care Leave</li> </ul> <p>Adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1303-5</li> <li>• 1303-5a</li> <li>• 1303-8</li> <li>• 1305</li> <li>• 1305-1</li> <li>• 1305-2</li> <li>• 1305-3</li> <li>• 1305-4</li> <li>• 1305-5</li> <li>• 1305-6</li> <li>• 1305-7</li> <li>• 1305-8</li> <li>• 1305-9</li> <li>• 1305-10</li> <li>• 1309</li> </ul> <p>CARRIED</p>
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- a. Ball Tournament/Greenspace rental: Administration will use the camp reservation site to handle reserving and payment for ball diamonds and group campground bookings.
- b. Unsightly:

2024-01-17	M. Gauthier moved the second reading of Bylaw 2023-07 Unsightly Bylaw. CARRIED
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- c. Noise: draft presented to Council for review; waiting for feedback from K. Permann

- 11.2. Fortis Franchise: Administration reported on Council's request to demonstrate use of Fortis Franchise Fee if collected. Information presented to use the money towards the Solar system that would bring Village buildings to net zero. Administration also presented that after January 12<sup>th</sup>, it would be too late to pursue the fee for this year.

2024-01-18	R. Bryan moved to start the process of instituting the Fortis Franchise fee at 4% for the April application. CARRIED
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## 12. COUNCILORS CONCERNS:

12.1. R. Bryan: none

12.2. A. Sommerfeldt:

- concerned with Village preparation for this year's drought conditions.

2024-01-19	A. Sommerfeldt moved to direct staff to draft a response to address the recommendations covered in Minister Schulz's letter. CARRIED
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12.3. L. Casey:

- leaning power pole along Memory Lane fence line.
- Is the Village liable for operators of snow mobiles when riding on Village land?
  - Administration's answer: No. Recreational riding on village land is in violation of the Traffic Bylaw; should injury occur, they are in violation of the Bylaw and therefore assume the risk.

12.4. M. Gauthier:

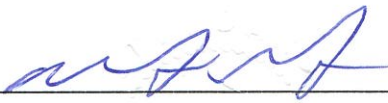
- Cheap "Safety Salt" is new trending product: if used on sidewalks, it causes damage to the concrete; inform the public to not use this product on Village sidewalks.
- Resident reminder to be careful with the small tractor while tacking curbs during snow sweeping.

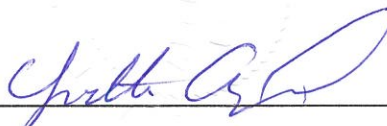
13. CLOSED SESSION: none

14. ADJOURN

M. Gauthier moved to adjourn at 8:36pm.

These minutes approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

  
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Mayor

  
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