

Date: September 16, 2025

VILLAGE OF STANDARD

WAIVER OF NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
CALLED UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 194(4) OF THE  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

We, the undersigned member of the council of the Village of Standard hereby waive notice of a special meeting of council to be held Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, held at the Standard Community Hall 150 Yorick Avenue. Commencing at 7:30 PM for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the following items:

1. Solar Project:
  - Letter from the Community Groups
  - Presentation to all Residents
  - Community Concerns
  - Questions to Administration
  - RFD
2. WRC Pump #3
  - RFD
3. Industrial Tender redesign
  - RFD
4. Tree Quotes
  - RFD

Signed:

NAME: John DATE: Sept 16/25

NAME: John DATE: Sept 16/25

NAME: Mark DATE: Sept 16 2025

NAME: Clay DATE: Sept 16/25

# VILLAGE OF STANDARD SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Standard Community Hall 7:30pm

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**PRESENT** Mayor Martin Gauthier  
Deputy Mayor Mike Worthington  
Councillor Larry Casey  
Councillor Richard Bryan  
CAO Yvette April  
Admin Shelley Rasmussen

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Waiver of Notice of a Special meeting of Council signed by all Councillors in accordance with MGA Sec.194(4).

2025-09-16-01	Moved by R. Bryan to accept Agenda as presented and if time permits to review Agenda Items 2.0,3.0,4.0 as emergent matters CARRIED
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Chair M. Gauthier received emergent letter from Standard Non-profit Groups requesting the Mayor to convene a Special meeting to address concerns to the defeated motion from September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting to sign the contract with Terralta to continue the process of applying for MEGP funding as the timeline was on a first come first basis or by September month end, as indicated by the MEGP representative.

**GUEST:** Community Members at Large attended  
Jen. Sommerfeldt Lead on the Solar Project  
Carter James: Terralta via Zoom

M. Gauthier explained that he received the letter September 12, 2025 requesting this Special meeting to address community concerns.

Y. April read letter from Non-Profit Groups.

Y. April explained that tonight's meeting will proceed as follows in accordance with the Council Procedural Bylaw 2025-03

After Solar Presentation by Lead project J. Sommerfeldt, anyone wishing to address Council with concerns for or against Solar, will have that opportunity, by being recognised by the Chair. Once the Chair recognises you, please state your name, and your role in the community. You will have 5 minutes to address Council. At this time Council is here to listen and there will be no rebuttal or questions. After all concerns are heard, you may address any questions to the Administration.

J. Sommerfeldt: Presentation given via visual slide show The 4 B's.

### The Back Story

- History on Solar given going back to October 2023
- Strategic Plan, Motions made, Research for Grants,
- Meetings with Groups, WRC, Contractors

### The Blue Print

- Terralta's Final Design Project #1 Community Hall, and Project #2 The Firehall
- Cost Breakdown for Total project \$248,276.00
- The Payment Plan

### The Benefits (All Quantitative)

- Short Term 10 year Financial Benefit: Groups can access donations, fundraise to pay their share
- Long Term Financial Benefit: in 10 years rate of electricity could be 18.0c/kWh
- Chart of No Solar over 10 year: 3.7 times the cost of the Solar Project
- Return on Investment 10 year: Solar 62,965.00 verses Expansion of Frederick Avenue - \$175,000.00
- Installation Price- once in a lifetime
- Grant Energy Reserved for Elsewhere: Using other grants later impedes other project.

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- Generation of Profit: Pre Solar Rate 7.28c/kWh LO Winter Rate 8.49c/kWh Hi Summer rate 30.00c/kWh
- Using Solar Club: Hi season creates a positive credit that carries into the LO season.
- In Alberta under the Micro-Generation Regulations micro-generators are billed using net billing. This can lead to a zero or near -zero electricity bill.
- Self-Paying Project: No Operating Budget, No Village Taxes, No Infrastructure Dollars are used.

## The Bubbles

Q: Solar is too Expensive; Groups will require a loan,

A: Village has access to unrestricted reserves in a high interest savings account

A: Groups can fundraise or use other grants to pay their portion

Q: Infrastructure project won't be completed.

A: Village only uses funds from Government CCBF & LGFF to do infrastructure project

Q: Solar Panels Require Expensive Maintenance, can't handle snow or hail inclement weather

A: Municipalities using Solar all say No Maintenance required, Hail, Snow & Wind no issue.

Q: Wait for another grant, Benefits takes to long to realize, wait for better technology.

A: The timing is MEGP grant covers 46.6% where alternate grants not as large, Benefits are realized as soon as panels start producing electricity,

Q: Panels will wear out, Return on investment is minuscule, Panels loose effectiveness

A: Using Solar Club Credits will add up quickly, Panels have 30yr warranty Inverters 25yr warranty

Administration pointed out MEGP funding will close at the end of September.

M. Gauthier now opens the floor to recognise speaker that want to address Council.

Katharine Kowalchuk: Resident, Married to Councillor Worthington- this meeting inappropriate

Don Sundgaard: Taxpayer, Memory Lane, Village should move ahead

Lance Larsen: Representative for Curling club, Should move ahead

Joe Elliott: Resident for 8yrs, Volunteer on many groups, clear win for non profit who are struggling.

Leah Jensen: Rural Volunteer Fire Department, if the Fire Department can save on power they can reinvest in equipment

Keith Adamson: Resident, Sent letter of Support for Solar

Bena Worthington: Resident, Village and Groups do not have the money, we do not have a budget

Trent Sundgaard: Resident, Business Owner, Volunteer, Extensive experience/knowledge with solar for 10yr on the farm.

Jeannie & Ron Wagemaker: Residents, Sent letter of Support for Solar

Brett Gates: Resident Can't see how it will affect infrastructure projects

Tyler Duncan: Resident for 7 yrs, Came in skeptical having not seen presentation before tonight, has removed solar panels that have caused damage to roof buildings

Gloria Laycock: Resident, Business Owner, Sent Letter of Support for Solar

Dianne Cunningham: Resident, Business Owner Sent letter of Support for Solar

Phil & Dawn Faubion: Residents, Sent letter of Support for Solar

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Standard Community Hall Sent letter of Support for Solar

Carter James from Terralta spoke remotely to answer some questions:

Q: Site Assessment feasibility on Hall & Firehall,

A: no additional costs

Q: Structures damage roofs

A: Panels attach to roof, no potential for leaks

Q: Cost to install is not as low as with Grant fund.

A: Program running out, need to go ahead in timely manner, Confident they can deliver in Grant expectations.

Tier 1 level panels, quality no slave labor, inverters made in USA, Stand behind warranty, easy to diagnose trouble, Recycle AB there are facilities that take panels, will be upgraded in coming years

500 systems installed to date, A lot of thought and care has gone into this project.

Questions from quests to Administration:

Q: Moe Zaleschuck: Resident for 11 years, Memory Lane Volunteer: Asked why it was defeated?

A: Cannot Say,

Q: Brett/Lance: what is the deadline

A: September 30<sup>th</sup>,

Q: Lance: Will Council Vote again?

A: RFD will be presented after any further questions.

Q: Gloria Laycock: Asked Admin and Council Elected to listen to the Residents, Mixed feelings where voting to defeat is coming from. Asked Administration if she could ask for a show of hands for/or against,

A: Admin advised that it would be up to the individuals to raise hands.

Q: Gloria asked if those who are for Solar Project to raise their hands

A: Visual by: S. Rasmussen The Majority, not including Council and two others, raised their hands that agree

Q: Glorias asked Those opposed

A: Visual by, S. Rasmussen One person raised their hand.

Administration Read RFD

2025-09-16-02	Moved by R. Bryan that Council approve the signing of a new Purchase Contract with the revised conditions of payment as presented in the amount of \$248,276.00 and further authorize administration to submit and application to Fortis for approval along with and application to MEGP for funding Approval Vote 3-1 CARRIED
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2.0 WRC Pump #3

2025-09-16-03	Moved by M. Gauthier to approve Pump #3 repair from Delta for \$8,2000.00 using Future Water/Sewer Reserves CARRIED
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3.0 Industrial Tender Redesign

2025-09-16-04	Moved by M. Worthington to table Industrial Tender to the October meeting CARRIED
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4.0 Tree Quotes

Administration will compare costs from quote given verses daily rate quote.

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## 5.0 ADJOURN

2025-09-16-05	Moved by L. Casey to adjourn at 9:55pm CARRIED
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These minutes approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

  
Mayor

  
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