

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Standard Village Office, 7pm

Wednesday, May 14th , 2025

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| 1.0 | CALL TO ORDER |
| 2.0 | AGENDA |
| 3.0 | GUEST |
| 4.0 | REPORTS 4.1 PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE 4.2 Strategic & AM |
| 5.0 | MINUTES 5.1 Regular minutes 5.2 Special minutes |
| 6.0 | UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 6.1 Nutrien Easement/Donation 6.2 WID Agreement 6.3 DRAFT ICF 6.4 a) Library Bylaw /Water line 6.5 SRFA Lease Agreement 6.6 a) update b) Solar RFD |
| 7.0 | FINANCIAL REPORTS |
| 8.0 | CORRESPONDENCE 8.1 ABmuni's Message 8.2 ABmunis Bill 50 Analysis 8.3 Marigold Updates 8.4 CFWR Nominations 8.5 EPA Engagement Letter 8.6 DDSWMA Letter |
| 9.0 | NEW BUSINESS 9.1 Letter/email fr B.Gates 9.2 ABmuni's Meeting June 11th 9.3 Memory Lane Agreement 9.4 Appoint ARB Members & Clerks |

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| 10.0 | <p>REPORTS</p> <p>10.1 WADEMSA: M. Worthington 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 WREMP</p> |
| 11.0 | <p>ONGOING BUSINESS</p> <p>11.1 Bylaws / Policies a) Policies submitted April 9th b) Policies New Batch June 11^t</p> <p>11.2 Bylaw Public Notification</p> <p>11.3 Establishment of CAO</p> <p>11.4 Budget a) Trade in mower for zero turn</p> |
| | <p>COUNCILORS CONCERNS:</p> <p>12.1 R. Bryan 12.2 L. Casey 12.3 M. Worthington 12.4 M. Gauthier</p> |
| 13.0 | <p>CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>13.1 Legal Hotel 13.2 County Funding Agreement 13.3 Personel 13.4 Grant Funding</p> |
| 14.0 | ADJOURN |

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PRESENT

Mayor Martin Gauthier
Deputy Mayor Mike Worthington
Councillor Larry Casey
Councillor Richard Bryan
CAO Yvette April - virtual
Admin Jennifer Sommerfeldt

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor M. Gauthier called the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2025-02 Public Notification Bylaw to order at 7:00pm.

- No submissions for discussing
- Administration confirmed the publication of the public hearing in the Strathmore Times
- No Council Questions

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| 2025-05-01-PH | M. Worthington moved to close the hearing. CARRIED |
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Public Hearing closed at 7:04pm

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1. CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor M. Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

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| 2025-05-01 | R. Bryan moved to adopt the agenda as amended: 9.4 Appoint ARB Members and Clerks as listed 9.5 Sidewalk Damage 13.4 In camera under section 29 CARRIED |
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3. GUESTS: none

4. 4.1 PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT:

Public Works

- Daily inspection of village infrastructure
- Street sweeping
- Snow fence removed
- Cleaned garbage
- Water on at campground
- Installed new traffic signs as Broadway and Frederick Ave
- Appointment with trade-in value for mower
- Mowed and groomed ball diamonds
- General maintenance on tractor, lawn equipment and garbage truck
- Power washed tennis courts, set up nets, blew off playground surface
- Locating property pins for various locations
- Moving concrete barriers at outdoor rink
- Report on old shop break in: occurred May 8, 2025. Two items stolen: mitre saw and stand, portable air compressor
- Completed harassment report for incident in front of Clover Farm Store on April 29, 2025

Administration

- Reported on the theft of May 8th and that an insurance claim will be made
- Summer student interviews underway
- Lots of Development permits
- Talks with Nutrien – see 6.1
- Meeting with Strathmore ICF – see 6.3

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- Assistance in locating property line for fence relocation
- Vandalism damage to concession stand a year ago still qualified for insurance; Ag Society will pay for the premium
- Campground washroom plumbing needs repairs for regularly springing leaks; time to consider a more permanent solution
- Signs will be posted on the ball diamonds and tennis courts as "No Pets Allowed"

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| 2025-05-02 | L. Casey moved to accept the Public Works and Office Report as presented. CARRIED |
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4.2 STRATEGIC PLAN & ASSET MANAGEMENT:

Asset Management

- Updating the Asset Management Plan is ongoing
- Beautification wants to move a planter to the Centennial Park sign
- Tennis courts are having the cracks filled – they are currently closed until the work is done.

Strategic Plan

- Solar Project Update – see 6.6

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| 2025-05-03 | M. Worthington moved to accept Strategic & Asset Management reports as presented. CARRIED |
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5. MINUTES:

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| 2025-05-04 | L. Casey moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting April 9 th , 2025. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-05 | R. Bryan moved to adopt the minutes of the Special Council meeting May 22 nd , 2025. CARRIED |
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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, OR RFD's

6.1. Nutrien Easement/Donation – Administration reported that a delay in the easement was due to Nutrien Lawyers inadequately communicating the request. CAO was able to meet with Nutrien directly and bring clarification. As a result, Nutrien has offered to donate the land that would otherwise be in this easement if the Village pays the cost of legal which would be \$5,000 - \$10,000.

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| 2025-05-06 | R. Bryan moved to proceed to negotiate with Nutrien regarding land donation pending the review of the pre-existing environmental study, and then report back to council. CARRIED |
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6.2. WID Agreement

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| 2025-05-07 | R. Bryan moved to table WID Agreement until the next Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED |
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6.3. DRAFT - ICF

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| 2025-05-08 | M. Gauthier moved to appoint M. Worthington and R. Bryan to sit on the ICF Committee. CARRIED |
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6.4. Library Bylaw/Waterline Break

- CAO will be meeting with Library Board in June to discuss the Library Bylaw and Water line. Updates will be provided after that time.

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| 2025-05-09 | M. Worthington moved to table Library Bylaw/Waterline Break until the next Regular Council Meeting. |
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6.5. SRFA Lease Agreement – no report; waiting for SRFA legal

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| 2025-05-10 | R. Bryan moved to table SRFA Lease until the next Regular Council meeting. CARRIED |
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6.6. A) Solar Update

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| 2025-05-11 | R. Bryan moved to go in closed session AT 7:26pm under FOIP, Div 2, Exceptions to Disclosure for sec. 29. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-12 | R. Bryan moved to return to regular session at 7:29pm. CARRIED |
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B) Solar RFD – J. Sommerfeldt gave presentation on the Solar Project, meeting with the community groups, plans from three installers, possible grant option with the Municipal Electric Generation Program, and the next steps to move forward.

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| 2025-05-12 | L. Casey moved to direct administration to draft agreements with selected community groups of municipally owned buildings to aggregate into the Village's power account, to get these agreements signed, and to finalize the aggregation. Selected groups are: Ag Society, Curling, Library. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-13 | R. Bryan moved to direct administration to draft agreements with selected community groups of non-municipally owned buildings to aggregate into the Village's power account, to get these agreements signed, and to finalize the aggregation. Selected groups are: The Senior Centre, the Community Hall, WRC. CARRIED |
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7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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| 2025-05-14 | R. Bryan moved to adopt the April Bank Reconciliation. CARRIED |
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8. CORRESPONDENCE

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| 2025-05-15 | L. Casey moved to accept the Correspondence as information. CARRIED |
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Letter/email from B. Gates

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| 2025-05-16 | M. Gauthier moved to direct Administration to respond to the email by B. Gates addressing his concerns without addressing Council's justification for "no" vote on motion 2025-02-21, and extend an invitation to attend and address Council. CARRIED |
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9.2. ABmunis Meeting June 11th – Administration informed Council that ABmunis representative would like to meet prior to Council meeting; Representative meeting is June 11th @6:30pm, Council Chambers.

9.3. Memory Lane Agreement

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| 2025-05-17 | L. Casey moved to sign a 10-year lease agreement with Memory Lane. CARRIED |
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9.4. Appoint ARB Members & Clerks

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| 2025-05-18 | L. Casey moved to appoint Michelle Plante (Hussar), Blaine Krabsen (County), Jay Anderson (County), Debbie Mitzner (County), (John (Jack) Hibbs (County), Leah Smith (Rockyford) for the Assessment Review Board. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-19 | M. Gauthier moved to appoint Shannon Pierson as Clerk for the Assessment Review Board. CARRIED |
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9.5. Sidewalk damage – L. Casey reported on several damage sidewalk sections in the west development where new construction is taking place.

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| 2025-05-20 | L. Casey moved to direct administration to contact new homeowners about homeowner responsibility for the repair and/or replacement of sidewalks. CARRIED |
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10. REPORTS

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| 10.1. WADEMSA: M. Worthington | last: 5/5 | next: 6/16 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working on service contract with Strathmore• Training starting | |
| 10.2. WHMB: M. Gauthier | last: 4/17 | next: 5/15 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Lion's Bd. Member• New Member at Large• Succession Planning for CAO Position• Strategic Planning – 2 day session – was very good• Looking into a replacement schedule for boilers and washroom upgrades; plans are to continue building upgrades.• Letter from WHMB about Emergency evacuation | |

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| 2025-05-21 | M. Gauthier moved to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with WHMB to use Standard's evacuation center located at the Community Hall for Lodge residents. CARRIED |
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| 10.3. DDSWMA: L. Casey | last: | next: 6/19 |
| • No new report | | |
| 10.4. WFCSS: R. Bryan | last: | next: |
| • No new report | | |
| 10.5. WRC: M. Gauthier | last: 4/24 | next: 6/26 |
| • Running at normal levels | | |

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| 2025-05-22 | R. Bryan directed administration to approach WRC Board regarding solar. CARRIED |
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| 10.6. CFWR: R. Bryan | last: | next: |
| • No new report | | |
| 10.7. Library: L. Casey | last: 5/5 | next: 6/2 |
| • Working on Gold Tournament | | |
| 10.8. RCMP STATs – none | | |
| 10.9. WREMP – | | next: 9/1 |
| • No new report | | |

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| 2025-05-23 | M. Worthington moved to accept reports as information. CARRIED |
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11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1. A) Policies submitted April 9th

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| 2025-05-24 | R. Bryan moved to rescind and adopt the policies as presented. Rescinded: 1210-2 Website 1302 Code of Conduct & Ethic Adopted: 1210-2 Website; added: Minutes to be maintained on the website for 7 years 1302 Code of Conduct & Ethic; added: Employee use of Internet, computer, email 2003-3 Fire Ban; related documents: Hussar Fire Ban Policy, Strathmore Fire Ban Info, Wheatland County Fire Ban Info, Wheatland Fire Ban Level Poster CARRIED |
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B) Policies New Batch for April 9th

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| 2025-05-25 | M. Gauthier moved to accept Policies for review at the June 11 th 2025 Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED |
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11.2. Public Notification Bylaw

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| 2025-05-26 | R. Bryan moved 2 nd reading of the Public Notification Bylaw 2025-02. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-27 | L. Casey moved to introduce 3 rd reading of the Public Notification Bylaw 2025-02. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-28 | M. Gauthier moved 3 rd and Final reading of the Public Notification Bylaw 2025-02. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY |
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11.3. Establishment of CAO

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| 2025-05-29 | R. Bryan moved 1 st reading of the Establishment of CAO Bylaw 2025-04. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-30 | M. Worthington moved 2 nd reading of the Establishment of CAO Bylaw 2025-04. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-31 | L. Casey introduced 3 rd reading of the Establishment of CAO Bylaw 2025-04. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY |
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| 2025-05-32 | M. Gauthier moved 3 rd and Final reading of the Establishment of CAO Bylaw 2025-04. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY |
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11.4. Budget – Administration reported that a revenue source was added in WRC including the annual water increase which will take place in July.

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| 2025-05-33 | L. Casey moved to move \$5500 from the Small Tractor Reserves to the Operating for the purchase and trade-in of a new zero turn mower with a total purchase price of \$17,805.84. CARRIED |
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12. COUNCILORS CONCERNS:

12.1. R. Bryan: none

12.2. L. Casey: What is the plan for the Esso Building?

Administration Response: it's a Council decision.

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| 2025-05-34 | M. Worthington moved to direct staff to advertise, with pictures of the timbers & interior, the Esso Building for sale; to be removed and/or salvaged, and that it be completed within 90 days of purchase, to the best offer. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-35 | M. Worthington moved that the minimum offer acceptable for the Esso Building is \$1000.00 CARRIED |
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12.3. M. Worthington:

- A resident and member of the Fire Hall invited council to come to the Fire Hall and see what they do.
- A resident or two complained that snow removal and grass cutting should happen over the weekend when conditions make it most ideal or helpfulness or efficiency.

12.4. M. Gauthier:

- As of May 14th, the volunteer who has been watering trees at the parks and campgrounds will no longer provide this service and the Village will have to take over.
- Consider permanent bathrooms located at Centennial Park.

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| 2025-05-36 | M. Gauthier moved to direct staff to research pricing and grants for washrooms at Centennial Park. CARRIED |
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| 2025-05-37 | L. Casey moved to accept Councillor concerns. CARRIED |
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13. CLOSED SESSION:

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| 2025-05-38 | M. Worthington moved to go in closed session under FOIP, Div 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, s. 27, s 21, s 23, and s 29 at 9:14pm. CARRIED |
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| 2025-04-39 | R. Bryan moved to return to regular session at 9:31pm. CARRIED |
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| 2025-04-40 | R. Bryan moved to direct staff to add into the newsletter bringing attention to the Public Works department's seasonal work, and that if a resident has concerns or considerations to please direct them to the Office, not to Public Works. CARRIED |
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14. ADJOURN

L. Casey moved to adjourn at 9:34pm.

These minutes approved this 11th day of June, 2025.



Mayor


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