

# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Standard Village Office, 7 pm

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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| 1.0  | <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  |
| 2.0  | <b>AGENDA ADDITIONS</b><br>Add: 9.7 Library Appointment   |
| 3.0  | <b>GUEST:</b>   |
| 4.0  | <b>PUBLIC WORKS &amp; OFFICE REPORTS</b>  |
| 5.0  | <b>MINUTES</b><br>5.0 a) Regular minutes<br>5.0 b) Special minutes  |
| 6.0  | <b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b><br>6.1 Lot Sales<br>6.2 Connect Agreement<br><br>6.3 Drought Plan<br>6.4 Budget Misc<br>a) 90 day demand<br>b) Trade in   |
| 7.0  | <b>FINANCIAL REPORTS</b>  |
| 8.0  | <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b><br>8.1 RCMP 5yr Crime Stats<br>RCMP County Reports<br>8.2 National Police Federation<br>8.3 WAHS<br>8.4 ADWA<br>8.5 ABMunis's Bill 20<br>8.6 Library Annual Report  |
| 9.0  | <b>NEW BUSINESS</b><br>9.1 Declaration Seniors week<br>9.2 Response letter<br>9.3 Industrial dumping<br>9.4 Property Tax Bylaw<br><br>9.5 LUB<br>9.6 SRFA Formal request<br>9.7 Library Appointment   |
| 10.0 | <b>REPORTS</b><br>10.1 WADEMSA: A. Sommerfeldt<br>10.2 WHMB: M. Gauthier<br>10.3 DDSWMA: L. Casey<br>10.4 WFCSS: R. Bryan<br>10.5 WRC: M. Gauthier<br>10.6 CFWR: R. Bryan<br>10.7 Library: L. Casey<br>10.8 Asset Management<br>10.9 Strategic Planning<br>10.10 Memory Lane<br>10.11 Hospice |

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| 11.0 | <b>ONGOING BUSINESS</b><br>11.1 Bylaws / Policies<br>a) Unsightly <i>[Review changes]</i><br><br>b) Community Standard Bylaw<br>c) Policies submitted<br>d)<br>11.2 Solar Proposal |
| 12.0 | <b>COUNCILORS CONCERNS:</b><br>12.1 R. Bryan<br>12.2 A. Sommerfeldt<br>12.3 L. Casey - employees<br>12.4 M. Worthington<br>12.5 M. Gauthier  |
| 13.0 | <b>CLOSED SESSION</b><br>13.1 Closed Session   |
| 14.0 | <b>ADJOURN</b>   |

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

**ABSENT** Councillor Larry Casey

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor M. Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

## 2. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

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| 2024-05-01 | R. Bryan moved to adopt the agenda as amended<br>9.7 Library Appointment<br>CARRIED |
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## 3. GUEST: Library rescheduled for June 12, 2024

## 4. PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT:

- Office
  - Attended meetings:
    - WAHS presentation at the Hall
    - DEM workshop in Airdrie
    - WRC meeting at the County
    - WHMB meeting virtually
    - WRC Drought management plan
  - Unsightly Complaints and Auction still in process
  - Fixed the Load Out
  - Development permit issued for new build in subdivision
- Public Works
  - Ball diamonds cleaned up with AG Society
  - Several Dead trees removed before wind storm
  - Trimmed trees and bushes at campground
  - Cleaning up the shop to swap buildings
  - Took Centennial sign down before it fell over

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| 2024-05-02 | A. Sommerfeldt moved to accept Public Works and Office Monthly Report as presented<br>CARRIED |
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## 5. MINUTES:

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| 2024-05-03 | R. Bryan moved to adopt the minutes from the April 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.<br>CARRIED |
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| 2024-05-04 | R. Bryan moved to adopt the minutes from the April 24, 2024 Special Council Meeting.<br>CARRIED |
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## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, OR RFD's

### 6.1. Lot Sales – information presented to set new market values for lot sales.

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| 2024-05-05 | M. Worthington moved to accept the new market value and to reduce the listing cost every three months or through negotiation.<br>CARRIED |
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### 6.2. Connect Agreement

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| 2024-05-06 | A. Sommerfeldt moved to change Schedule F Service Plan to the presented Schedule F Service Plan Gross Profit.<br>CARRIED |
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- 6.3. Drought Plan – presented to council a document outlining outdoor water restrictions in response to the letter from the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas as presented in the February 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

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| 2024-05-07 | M. Gauthier moved to accept the Drought Plan presented as information.<br>CARRIED |
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6.4. Budget Misc

a) 90-day Demand

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| 2024-05-08 | R. Bryan moved to close and transfer the 90-day demand account #714-00469554979 to Municipal Operating Account.<br>CARRIED |
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b) Trade In

- Information presented regarding potential trade-in of the current mower/tractor this year.
- More information on the value and timing of the trade-in was requested.

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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| 2024-05-09 | R. Bryan moved to accept the April 2024 Financial Reports as presented.<br>CARRIED |
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## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

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| 2024-05-10 | A. Sommerfeldt moved to accept the Correspondence as information.<br>CARRIED |
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## 9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Declaration Senior's week

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| 2024-05-11 | R. Bryan moved to declare June 3 – 9 <sup>th</sup> 2024 Seniors week in the Village of Standard.<br>CARRIED |
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9.2. Response Letter

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| 2024-05-12 | R. Bryan moved to accept letter from Minister Ellis in response to letter sent for concerns regarding policing.<br>CARRIED |
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9.3. Industrial Dumping

Material being dumped in the Industrial Park without contacting the Village office. Contact is required to ensure the material is placed in an appropriate location. Reminder that asphalt & concrete cannot be dumped there.

9.4. Property Tax Bylaw

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| 2024-05-13 | M. Gauthier moved first reading of Property Tax Bylaw 2024-03<br>CARRIED |
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| 2024-05-14 | R. Bryan moved second reading of Property Tax Bylaw 2024-03<br>CARRIED |
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| 2024-05-15 | A. Sommerfeldt moved to introduce third reading of Property Tax Bylaw 2024-03.<br>DEFEATED |
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| 2024-05-16 | R. Bryan moved to table Property Tax Bylaw 2024-03 till next Regular Council Meeting.<br>CARRIED |
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9.5. LUB

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| 2024-05-17 | M. Gauthier moved first reading of LUB 2024-02.<br>CARRIED |
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9.6. SRFA Formal Request – a formal response in the form letter to the SRFA was drafted.

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| 2024-05-18 | M. Worthington moved to send the letter, thanking SRFA for the agreement and inviting the President and the Vice President to the next council meeting.<br>CARRIED |
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9.7. Library Appointment

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| 2024-05-19 | A. Sommerfeldt moved to appoint the following individuals to the Standard Municipal Library Board for the specified terms: Connie Harder – Term expiry date December 31, 2026.<br>CARRIED |
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## 10. REPORTS

- 10.1. WADEMSA: A. Sommerfeldt last: 5/6      next: 6/17
- Call volume = 980 ytd
  - Current ambulance availability in local jurisdiction is at 75%
  - Average 8 calls per day
  - Radio System update for \$130,000 will ensure compatible communication with all radio systems and should be online in June
  - AHS working on a bridging agreement
  - AH Science (union for WADEMSA EMS) new contract negotiations set to begin end of May
  - WADEMSA prefers a unified service agreement with all partners over individual agreements with each community.
- 10.2. WHMB: M. Gauthier last: 4/18      next: 5/16
- Attended special meetings on 5/3 and 5/9
  - Grant for the new lodge was not awarded due to Class A budget requirement not achieved. Hoping the Class A budget will be ready by the fall.
  - New roof on the Lodge has received tenders; considering laminate shingles, but no motion made yet.
- 10.3. DDSWMA: L. Casey last:                      next:
- Absent
- 10.4. WFCSS: R. Bryan last:                      next:
- Report at next meeting
- 10.5. WRC: M. Gauthier last: 4/17                      next: 6/20
- Shareholder’s meeting complete; L. Casey and Y. April attended
  - Redland residents should be getting water soon.
- 10.6. CFWR: R. Bryan last:                      next:
- Report at next meeting
- 10.7. Library: L. Casey last:                      next:
- Absent
- 10.8. Asset Management : J. Sommerfeldt
- GIS a) Completed the condition and inspection information on the GIS  
 b) Added water meter replacements YTD on the GIS  
 c) Discussed drought management plan with WRC
- 10.9. Strategic Planning: J. Sommerfeldt
- a) Updated the Strategic Plan with edits from the April 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
  - b) Goal: Self- Sufficiency Update – received the updated version of the Terralta proposal which now completes the proposal making us ready for feasibility and grant applications.
  - c) Goal: Beautify – No word yet on the Fortis grant regarding 8 poplar trees for Centennial Park
  - d) Goal: Create Opportunities – New Newsletter format to include more community information and volunteer opportunities
  - e) Goal: Economic Development – goal to pass budget earlier in the year was achieved by one month, though property tax bylaw was not passed at this meeting and will delay tax notices going out. The budget also includes surveying the industrial park.

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10.10. Memory Lane: M. Worthington

last: 4/29 AGM

- Requested a couple buckets of paving for the Gazebo when the Village does a paving project this summer
- Plans for the water storage tank were discussed
- Still interested in a caveat for the Recycling Building which houses their electricity
  - CAO noted that a caveat has been denied due to Legal advice
  - A. Sommerfeldt noted that the Village will not leave Memory Lane without power. Should ownership of the Recycling Building ever change from the Village, the Village will ensure that Memory Lane has continued access to power.
- M. Worthington noted that Memory Lane still owes the Village money from last year.
  - It was noted that Memory Lane has a casino later this year.

10.11. Hospice: M. Gauthier

- Hike for Hospice was successful; they raised \$35,000
- Fire Truck Pull was successful; SRFA was awarded a trophy for most donations
- Community information meeting was good and well attended

**11. ONGOING BUSINESS**

11.1. Bylaws/Policies

- a) Unightly [Review Changes] – council presented with information about the use of Violation Tags and Violation Tickets, and with a flow chart demonstrated the application of the Bylaw. Discussion about Violation tags led to some edits.

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| 2024-05-20 | M. Gauthier moved to table Bylaw 2023-07 Nuisance and Unightly Property Bylaw awaiting<br>CARRIED |
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- b) Community Standard Bylaw

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| 2024-05-21 | A. Sommerfeldt moved to table the Community Standard Bylaw until the next Regular Council Meeting.<br>CARRIED |
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- c) Policies from April 10, 2024

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| 2024-05-22 | Rescind:<br>1301-1 (CAO) Job Description<br>1301 Chief Administrative Officer<br>1302 Public Works Supervisor<br>1302-1 (PW) Job Description<br>1303 Assistant Administrator<br>1304 Work Experience Student<br>1304-1 Job Description<br>1305 Labourers/STEP Workers<br>Employment Standards Excerpts 2016-document un-numbered in old Policy Manual<br>Adopted Policies<br>1303-1-1 CAO Job Description<br>1303-1-2 Public Works Job Description<br>1303-1-3 Administrative Assistant Job Description<br>1303-1-4 STEP Job Description<br>1211-4 Tax Arrears<br>1306 Performance & Career Development<br>CARRIED |
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11.2. Solar Proposal – Report: J. Sommerfeldt

- information presented arising from questions/discussions at the April 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Conversation with CAO S. Donselaar for the Village of Stirling, AB regarding their experience with their Solar System and working with Terralta.
  - System has been in place since 2019
  - Panels are in good condition getting 100% production as designed, providing enough power for all facilities (includes the pool), the lease agreement with Enmax and a portion of their street lights.
  - Panels are not “paid off” because their system began in an agreement with Enmax who then closed the grant and made design flaws. They then switched to Terralta who has been great to work with.

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- Maintenance is unnecessary because the design takes into account all four seasons and to be productive; snow removal is not needed; their panels are also under warranty.

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| 2024-05-23 | R. Bryan moved to adopt the Solar Power report as information.<br>CARRIED |
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## 12. COUNCILORS CONCERNS

- 12.1. R. Bryan: none
- 12.2. A. Sommerfeldt:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West ditch remediation held up really well in the recent rain storm.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West catch basin has a problematic edge.
    - CAO is aware and working on resolving the matter.
  - Suggested the Councillors make a personal condolence gift to L. Casey
  - Fence on property along highway blew down
    - CAO is aware and working on contacting the property owner.
- 12.3. L. Casey: absent
- 12.4. M. Worthington: none
- 12.5. M. Gauthier: none

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| 2024-05-24 | M. Gauthier moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting continue past 10:00pm.<br>CARRIED |
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## 13. Closed Session

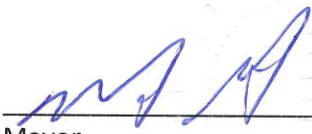
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| 2024-05-25 | A. Sommerfeldt moved to closed session under FOIP, Division 2, Exception to Disclosure, Section 27, Privileged information at 10:00pm.<br>CARRIED |
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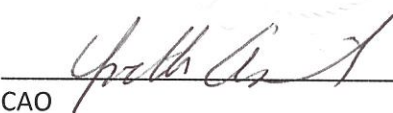
Return to Regular Session at 10:03pm

## 14. ADJOURN

M. Gauthier moved to adjourn at 10:03pm.

These minutes approved this 13 day of June, 2024.

  
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Mayor

  
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