

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 Standard Village Office, 7pm
 Wednesday, October 9th, 2024

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1.0	CALL TO ORDER
2.0	AGENDA
3.0	GUEST
4.0	PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE REPORTS
5.0	MINUTES 5.0 a) Regular minutes
6.0	UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 6.1 Bare Lot Purchase Agreement 6.2 Advertising Intent 6.3 8760 Tender 6.4 a) Library lease b) Capital budget c) Waterline Break 6.5 Esso Building 6.6 Request for MA Information
	FINANCIAL REPORTS
8.0	CORRESPONDENCE 8.1 Marigold Notes to Council 8.2 WAHS Newsletter 8.3 Gov. announces Police Changes 8.4 Ltr fr Minister re survey 8.5 PRMS Update 8.6 8.6 WHMB Operational Review and Action Plan
9.0	NEW BUSINESS 9.1 a) WRC AB Env Inspection b) WRC Action Plan c) Cost to remediate 9.2 Fire Dept Fund Raiser 9.3 ATCO Gas Re-Approval 9.4 AB Muni's RRSP Agreement 9.5 SRFA Formal Request 9.7 Quote for Hydrant Repair
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 10.9 Strategic Planning 10.10 Development Planning 10.11 Solar Proposal 10.12 RCMP Stats Aug/24 10.13 WREMP

11.0	ONGOING BUSINESS 11.1 Bylaws / Policies a) Community Standard b) Policies submitted Sept 11 c) Policies New Batch
12.0	COUNCILORS CONCERNS: 12.1 R. Bryan 12.2 A. Sommerfeldt 12.3 L. Casey 12.4 M. Worthington 12.5 M. Gauthier
13.0	CLOSED SESSION
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PRESENT
Mayor Martin Gauthier
Deputy Mayor Adam Sommerfeldt
Councillor Richard Bryan
Councillor Larry Casey
Councillor Mike Worthington
CAO Yvette April
Admin Jennifer Sommerfeldt

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor M. Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2024-10-01	L. Casey moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Add 6.5 Esso Building Add 6.6 Request for MA Information Add 9.1 Cost to remediate Add 9.7 Quote for Hydrant Repair CARRIED
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3. GUESTS: none

4. PUBLIC WORKS & OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT:

Public Works:

- Daily Inspections
- Vandalized playground equipment has been cleaned. No further pursuit for the offenders
- Continued to take photos and report on delinquent properties
- Tree pruning around the Village
- Planted 12 trees at Centennial Park
- Prepped Ball diamonds for 2 tournaments
 - Task took 6-8 hours; perhaps consider increasing the cost of rental or a clean up deposit if the grounds are left excessively messy.
- General maintenance on all equipment
- Stress fracture found on the front loader; a welding job will be a band-aid fix. Recommend considering a replacement front loader. Information can be provided to Council once gained.

Office:

- Lots of computer work: emails, working with Munisoft to fix export trouble
- Attended WREMP meeting
- Research on Heritage fun
- Discussion with Grays and Homeowner regarding using Village land while building
- Research on adding municipal building sidewalks to insurance schedules
- Ball Tournaments were successful; no complaints
- Fixed BVR coding errors, created month end financials
- Meeting with AB Heritage – many possibilities for funding the Esso building depending on what is proposed: interpretive gallery, meeting room, indoor/outdoor farm equipment museum, etc.
- Planted trees and Centennial Park
- Meeting with K. Permann regarding parking violators
- Assessor in the Village doing assessments for 2025
- Hydrant water leak

2024-10-02	R. Bryan moved to accept the Public Works & Office reports as presented. CARRIED
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5. MINUTES:

2024-10-03	L. Casey moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting, September 11, 2024. CARRIED
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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, OR RFD's

- 6.1. Bare Lot Purchase Agreement – current Bare Lot Agreement requires construction start at 90 days after date of closing; this requirement may be a detractor in sales; council discussed adjusting the Bare Lot Agreement.

2024-10-04	M. Worthington moved to change the Bare Lot Agreement to 1 year to start and 2 years to complete. CARRIED
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- 6.2. Advertising Intent – advertising for below market price sales of west residential lots will continue. There has been no public comments or emails to date.

2024-10-05	R. Bryan moved to table the Advertising Intent. CARRIED
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- 6.3. 8760 Tender – no update

2024-10-06	L. Casey moved to table the 8760 Tender, CARRIED
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- 6.4. Library
A) Library Lease
B) Capital Budget
C) Waterline Break

2024-10-07	M. Gauthier moved to table the Library lease, Capital budget and Waterline Break to allow the new chair some time to review. CARRIED
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- 6.5. Esso Building – exploring alternate options and grants to use of the Esso Building if restored for purposes other than storage such as: museum, interpretive site, meeting room. Memory Lane wants time to research and explore these alternatives.

2024-10-08	L. Casey moved to accept as information. CARRIED
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- 6.6. Request for MA Information – regarding motion 2024-09-46. Administration is responsible for enforcement of Bylaws. Council can request administration to have a specific focus. Administration is not obligated to report, but reporting general statistics to Council is not overstepping. Discussion about what mechanism can be used to measure the success or failures of Council directives for the community.

2024-10-09	M. Worthington moved to have Administration add to the reporting trending on infractions. CARRIED
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7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2024-10-10	M. Worthington moved to adopt the August Financials as presented. CARRIED
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8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1. Marigold Notes to Council
- 8.2. WAHS Newsletter
- 8.3. Gov. announces Police Changes
- 8.4. Letter from Minister re survey
- 8.5. PRMS Update
- 8.6. WHMB Operational Review and Action Plan

2024-10-11	R. Bryan moved to accept the correspondence as information. CARRIED
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. A) WRC AB Environmental Inspection

2024-10-12	L. Casey moved to accept the Compliance Inspection Report of the Standard Wastewater system on contraventions of the Code of Practice Identified. CARRIED
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B) WRC Action Plan

2024-10-13	R. Bryan moved to accept the WRC action plan to remedy non-compliance from the AB Environment Inspection. CARRIED
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C) Cost to Remediate

2024-10-14	M. Gauthier moved to proceed with the cost of remediation of the area to prevent further erosion for \$5,400. CARRIED
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9.2. Fire Dept Fundraiser

2024-10-15	M. Gauthier moved to give Standard Village Fire Association \$400 for the silent auction for the purpose of raising funds for the new fire truck. CARRIED
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- 9.3. ATCO Gas Re-Approval – the Government of Alberta’s Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, made changes to various laws that govern utility franchise agreements. As a result, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) must review all current gas franchise agreements to ensure they are compliant with the new legislation which requires public advertisement of the Village’s franchise fee.

2024-10-16	A. Sommerfeldt moved to advertise and re-approve gas franchise agreement with the Alberta Utilities Commission. CARRIED
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9.4. AB Muni’s RRSP Agreement

2024-10-17	M. Worthington moved to sign AB Muni’s Participation Agreement for Group RRSP. CARRIED
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9.5. SRFA Forma Request

2024-10-18	M. Gauthier moved to notify the Standard Rural Fire Association that Council will contribute our share of the 40% towards the purchase of the new pumper truck. CARRIED
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- 9.6. Quote for Hydrant Repair – damaged/leaking hydrant during flushing; located at 1st St. W and 1st Ave. W; Repair by Precision for \$7500.

2024-10-19	R. Bryan moved to accept the quote for hydrant repair. CARRIED
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10. REPORTS

10.1. WADEMSA: A. Sommerfeldt

last: 9/16

next: 10/21

- AHS representative attended regarding AHS request to claw back the surplus that WADEMSA has accrued. WADEMSA’s legal consultation says there is no clawback clause in the agreement regarding surpluses. Historically, WADEMSA functioned with deficits due to lack of AHS funding. The last

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agreement was 9 years ago and WADEMSA is seeking to extend the agreement. The current AHS representative is new to the issue. More talks are forthcoming.

- 10.2. WHMB: M. Gauthier last: 9/19 next: 10/17
- Roof is completed – there were no major surprises
 - A new sub-committee was formed to create an evacuation plan for the residents during emergencies. M. Gauthier is a member of this sub-committee; this is volunteer and not a paid position by the Village. The first sub-committee meeting is 10/10.
 - The Lodge was not affected by the recent Calgary water restrictions.
- 10.3. DDSWMA: L. Casey last: 8/15 next: 10/17
- No report
- 10.4. WFCSS: R. Bryan last: 9/25 next: 10/23
- Looking for additional grants to assist the community
 - Having a difficult time finding volunteer drivers; drivers must undergo some training in order to qualify for compensation
- 10.5. WRC: M. Gauthier last: 8/24 next: 10/16
- No report
- 10.6. CFWR: A. Sommerfeldt last: 10/3 next: 11/7
- Our area's group is the 2nd or 3rd smallest, yet is #2 in loans
 - New Campaign for 2025 is: Heart of the Community. Goal is to promote appreciation for local small businesses and help to market them.
 - CFWR request that council members provide anonymous nominations of local businesses to be recognized by CFWR and be entered to win the award for being the "Heart of the Community".
 - The success of the recently ended Digital Economy Program was so impactful that CFWR will be writing the federal and provincial governments to continue the program and will be asking the Village for a letter of support in the future.
 - There is training for the Economic Resilience Course on 10/21; Councillor Casey volunteered to attend.
- 10.7. Library: L. Casey last: 10/7 next: 11/4
- Ham and Oyster Supper – Lots of donors helping out
 - Two board members complete their tenures this year; library is actively looking for new board members.
- 10.8. Asset Management : J. Sommerfeldt
- GIS updated to include the recent inactive fire hydrant
 - GIS updated to include the recently planted Centennial Park Trees (using Fortis grant)
 - GIS updated to include new water meters
 - 26 meters repaired/replaced this year
 - Tracking lost water = approximately \$20,000 in savings this year
 - Asset Management included in budget for roads, water, sewer and garbage for AM Plan rotational work.
- 10.9. Strategic Planning: J. Sommerfeldt
- Awarded \$15,000 by the ATCO Community Energy Fund towards the solar project
 - 12 Trees planted in Centennial Park (Fortis grant)
 - 8 Patmore Elm (8-10ft high) south of the playground
 - 4 Moonglow Junipers (4-5ft high) surrounding the Centennial Park Sign
- 10.10. Development Planning: Y. April
- No report
- 10.11. Solar Proposal
- Awarded \$15,000 by the ATCO Community Energy Fund towards the solar project
 - More grants are available, some with approaching deadlines; don't want to miss deadlines because it would delay the project by a year.

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- FCM’s Community Building Retrofit Feasibility study is the next step to qualifying for a larger capital grant. Multiple Buildings strengthens the application; we will include the following buildings:
 - The office
 - The shop
 - The firehall
 - The arena
 - The curling rink
 - The library
 - The community hall
- Local non-profit groups are looking forward to the solar system operating.

2024-10-20	R. Bryan moved to direct administration to apply for the CBR GHG Reduction Pathway Feasibility Study. CARRIED
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2024-10-21	A. Sommerfeldt moved to request the purchase agreement from Terralta for the Solar System project for review to discuss at the next Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED
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2024-10-22	M. Gauthier moved to direct administration to pursue grant funding to be used towards Terralta’s solar system proposal. CARRIED
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2024-10-23	M. Worthington moved to instruct administration to contact the boards responsible to the individual buildings to seek feedback and share the feasibility study with them. CARRIED
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10.12. RCMP Stats Aug/24 – no report

10.13. WREMP

- Looking into most efficient way to utilize an alert system

2024-10-24	R. Bryan moved to accept the reports as information. CARRIED
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11. ONGOING BUSINESS

11.1. Bylaws/Policies

- a) Community Standard Bylaw 2024-04

2024-10-25	M. Gauthier moved 3 rd reading of Community Standards Bylaw 2024-04. CARRIED
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- b) Policies submitted Sept 11

2024-10-26	Moved to adopt Policies from September 11 th as amended: Rescinded 1211 Fee Schedule 1213 Land Titles 1216 Auditor 1217 Project History Adopted 1210 Fee Schedule 1212 Legal Service 1215 Auditor 1216 Project History CARRIED
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c) Policies New Batch

2024-10-27	M. Gauthier moved to accept the Policies for review at the November 13 th meeting. CARRIED
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12. COUNCILORS CONCERNS

12.1. R. Bryan: none

12.2. A. Sommerfeldt:

- Performance Reviews should be guaranteed at the same time each year; perhaps a policy will ensure this.
- Empty industrial lots by Imperial Oil and Richardson Pioneer could be invited to become productive again in a way that benefits both the company and the village. For example, a solar field that off-sets their power costs, and provide the Village with property taxes.

2024-10-28	A. Sommerfeldt moved to direct staff to research the feasibility of contacting businesses that own vacant lots to pursue developing a win-win on said lot. CARRIED
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12.3. L. Casey:

- Develop a procedure that would make property owners of new builds aware of the expectation that building/construction material remain on their parcel.
- Find a way to make it easier to get new builds started sooner – Admin response is that the longest delays are through the Land Titles Office and not related to Village administration.

12.4. M. Worthington: Is the Village involved in trucking water to fill Memory Lane's water tank?

- Admin Answer: No

12.5. M. Gauthier: none

13. CLOSED SESSION – no closed session

14. ADJOURN

A. Sommerfeldt moved to adjourn at 9:43 pm.

These minutes approved this 13 day of November, 2024.



Mayor



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Date