



**Minutes of the Regular of the Council of the Town of Bentley**

**February 14, 2023**

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**Date and Place** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

**In Attendance** Mayor Greg Rathjen  
Deputy Mayor Grimsdale  
Councillor Hansen  
Councillor Valiquette  
Councillor Eastman  
CAO, Marc Fortais

**Call to Order** Mayor Rathjen called the regular meeting to order at 6:45pm,

**Indigenous Acknowledgement** "We acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Home of Metis Nation Region 3, on land that is part of a historic agreement involving mutuality and respect. We recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands"

**Read by Mayor Rathjen**

**Agenda**

**Motion 46/2023** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the February 14, 2023, be amended to include two additional items as other business:

- a) Recycling Services at the Transfer Site – CAO to provide an update on progress to secure a new contract.
- b) Canada Post recent closure – CAO to provide an update on the recent closure and conversations with Canada Post

**Carried**

**Motion 47/2023** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the amended agenda of the February 14, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

**Carried**

### **Previous Minutes**

**Motion 48/2023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the minutes of the January 24, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

**Carried**

### **Financial**

**a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230034 to 20230096**

**Motion 49/2023** Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Cheques No. 20230034 to 20230096 be received for information."

**Carried**

**Motion 50/2023** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the Council Remuneration Listing January 2023 be received for information."

**Carried**

### **New Business**

**a) 2022 Grain Elevator Recommendation for Recovery of Costs**

- **Delegation Patrick Morrison Healthy Herds**

Administration presented the report with a recommendation for cost recovery in alignment with Bylaw 128/2008, Policy 50-2014, and the MGA. The recommendation included an amount that was lower than would be billed through the policy, due to the significant cost that would be recovered due to the extended support and fire suppression related to the continued burning of the grain piles.

Mr. Morrison presented to council the significant costs that he was incurring as a result of the fire and that those costs were very high as a result of the volume of water that was used for an extended period of time, based on continued suppression efforts due to smoke complaints. As a result of the water volumes, Mr. Morrison was required to pay significantly more in his landfill fees to dispose of the burnt grain, which was waterlogged. The landfill fees were based on weight and therefore Mr. Morrison presented that his costs were significantly higher to dispose of the grain than normal. He also pointed out that he worked quickly to rectify the situation and undertook the clean up immediately, when he was given the go ahead to do so from insurance. Mr. Morrison asked for council to consider this additional cost that he incurred, his commitment to cleaning up the site and the valuable



contributions that he has made to the community over the years, including allowing the town to utilize his scales free of charge.

**Motion 51/2023** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize CAO Marc Fortais to issue and invoice to the property owner of the property located at 4801 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Legal Description Lot 3, Block A, Plan 0321787 in the amount of \$13,058.25, the cost of the DB Bobcat invoice and the City of Lacombe Invoice only to be issued to recover a portion of the fire costs of fire response through December 2022 and in relation to the grain elevator fire which occurred on said property and for which the recoverable costs have been charged in accordance with Bylaw 128/2008 and Policy 50/2014 of the Town of Bentley; AND

THAT the amount invoiced and payable by the property owner be payable within 120 days from the date of issue of the invoice; AND

THAT if the invoice remains unpaid after 120 days, the amount be transferred to the associated property tax account in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, Section 553 (1)(g)

***The above motion was debated by Mayor and Council and a friendly amendment was requested by Councillor Valiquette that the cost recovery amount be amended from \$13,058.25 to the cost recovery associated to all equipment, including recovery of some of the equipment time for Town of Bentley Equipment. The point being made, that the amounts were already reduced from what the policy stated we could charge. The amendment proposed was to bill \$21,058.25 which was broken down as follows:***

City of Lacombe Tower Response	\$ 6,037.50
DB Bobcat Equipment Support	\$ 7,020.75
Engine and Rescue (16 hrs @ 500/hr)	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
<b>Total to be billed</b>	<b>\$21,058.25</b>

After debate, Councillor Hansen agreed to the amendment and read the amended motion as follows:

**Motion 51/2023(as amended)** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize CAO Marc Fortais to issue and invoice to the property owner of the property located at 4801 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Legal Description Lot 3, Block A, Plan 0321787 in the amount of \$21,058.25, the cost of the DB Bobcat invoice, City of Lacombe Invoice and a portion of the Town of Bentley Equipment time for the first day of response only, to be issued to recover a portion of the fire costs of fire response in December 2022 and in relation to the grain elevator fire which occurred on said property and for which the recoverable costs have been charged in accordance with Bylaw 128/2008 and Policy 50/2014 of the Town of Bentley; AND

THAT the amount invoiced and payable by the property owner be payable within 120 days from the date of issue of the invoice; AND

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Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, Section 553 (1)(g)

**Carried**

**b) Bylaw 238/2023 – Bylaw to establish the position of assessor and declare the position as a designated officer for the Town of Bentley**

**Motion 52/2023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, THAT Bylaw No. 238/2023 being a bylaw of the Town of Bentley in the Province of Alberta, to establish the position of assessor and declare the position as a designated officer be read a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.”

**Carried**

**Motion 53/2023** Moved by Councillor Hansen, THAT Bylaw No. 238/2023 be read a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2023.”

**Carried**

**Motion 54/2023** Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT Bylaw No. 238/2023 be presented and considered for third and final reading this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2023.”

**Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 55/2023** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, “THAT Bylaw 238/2023 be read a third and final time and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2023.”

**Carried**

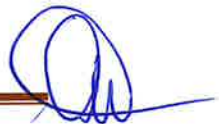
**c) Bylaw 239/2023 – Bylaw to amend Bylaw 211/2019 to include terms of repayment as per the Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) audit findings.**

**Motion 56/2023** Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT Bylaw No. 239/2023 being a Bylaw of the Town of Bentley in the Province of Alberta to amend Bylaw 211/2019 to include terms of repayment, be read a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2023.”

**Carried**

**Motion 57/2023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT Bylaw No. 239/2023 be read a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2023.”

**Carried**



**Motion 58/2023** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Bylaw No. 239/2023 be presented and considered for third and final reading this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2023."

**Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 59/2023** Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Bylaw No. 239/2023 be read a third and final time and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2023."

**Carried**

### **Correspondence**

- a) **Council Highlights Lacombe County January 26, 2023**
- b) **February 22, 2023, 7:30pm to 9:30pm**

**Motion 60/2023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT Correspondence items a) and b) be accepted as information."

**Carried**

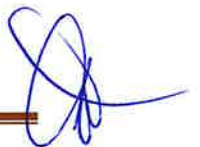
### **Other Business**

- a) **Recycling Services at the Transfer Site – CAO to provide an update on progress to secure a new contract.**

CAO Marc Fortais provided an update that we had requested quotations from 4 companies for recycling services at the transfer site. The same information was requested from all vendors and we had reviewed the information including pricing as well as service levels and had decided to go with Empringham Disposal based on their response to the request for quotes. Their services will begin March 1, 2023, and should save the town some money based on their proposal. The Town has been using Waste Management for some time and it was time to request quotes from the Market.

- b) **Canada Post recent closure – CAO to provide an update on the recent closure and conversations with Canada Post**

CAO Marc Fortais indicated that he has been in continued contact with Canada Post regarding the closure of the grocery store. It was indicated that Canada Post is following a process to seek out a new business to host postal services in Bentley. The Canada Post contact Mr. Halvorsen has committed to providing weekly updates to the Town and Mayor and Council but would not provide a timeline as to when service would be restored in the community, only that they were working on it.

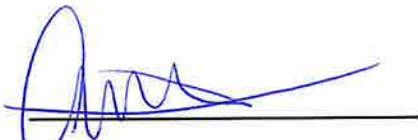


**Motion 61/2023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT CAO Marc Fortais send an email to Mr. Halvorsen from Canada Post asking for more detail regarding their plan to restore services and provide Mayor and Council with a timeline for the restoration of postal services in Bentley."

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the meeting, at 8:07pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais