



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

March 14, 2023

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, March 14, 2028, 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 70/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the March 14, 2023, regular meeting of mayor and council be amended to include an In-Camera item regarding a personnel/labour matter (In-Camera pursuant to Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, Disclosure harmful to personal privacy,"17(1) The head of a public body must refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy)".

Carried

Motion 71/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the amended agenda of the March 14, 2023, regular meeting of mayor and council be accepted."

Carried 

Previous Minutes

Motion 72/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the minutes of the February 28, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230144 to 20230178

Motion 73/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT Cheques No. 20230144 to 20230178 be received for information."

Carried

b) Council Remuneration Listing

Motion 74/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the council remuneration listing for the month of February 2023 be received for information."

Carried

New Business

a) Proclamation Volunteer Week April 16 to April 22, 2023

Motion 75/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor Rathjen on behalf of Council, declare April 16 to April 22, 2023, as National Volunteer Week in the Town of Bentley; AND

THAT the proclamation be posted in the April issue of the Neighborhood Notes."

Carried

b) Transfer from Reserves December 31, 2022

Motion 76/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to make reserve transfers as of December 31, 2022, for the following amounts:

1.) Oxford School Demolition	\$75,000	Uncommitted Reserve
2.) Unanticipated Actuator Failure	\$ 8,768	Water Supply/Dist Reserve
3.) Asset Management	\$15,000	Water Supply/Dist Reserve

Carried



c) Policy 43-2023 Elected Officials Annual Attendance at Conferences and/or Training Allowance

Motion 77, 2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council approve Policy 43-2023 Elected Officials Annual Attendance at Conferences and/or Training Allowance; AND

THAT Policy 43-2013 (and all amendments thereto) be rescinded and replaced by Policy 43-2023."

Carried

d) Rescinding outdated and no longer relevant policies

Motion 78/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT policy 27-98 Municipal Elected Officials Tax Exemption Canada Income Tax Act be rescinded."

Carried

Motion 79/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT policy 10-00 Boulevard Tree Planting be rescinded."

Carried

Motion 80/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT policy 02-04 Meals on Wheels be rescinded."

Carried

Motion 81/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT policy 03-04 Home Help Program be rescinded."

Carried

Motion 82/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Policy 06/04 Community Services Advisory Committee be kept active."

Defeated

Motion 83/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Policy 06/04 Community Services Advisory Committee be rescinded."

Carried

Motion 84/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT Policy 01-05 Community Economic Development Committee be rescinded."

Carried

Motion 85/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Policy 10-05 Community Services Rainbow Program be rescinded."

Carried



Motion 86/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Policy 31-2009 Community Events Electronic Sign be rescinded."

Carried

Motion 87/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT Policy 41-2011 Bentley District Fire Department Half Ton Vehicle Expenses be rescinded."

Carried

e) Fortis \$2,500 Community Naturalization and Tree Planting Grant and 52nd Street Corridor Improvement

Motion 88/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to fund the corridor improvements through the planting of 30 Swedish Aspen along the fence line on the east side of 52nd street corridor; AND

THAT a maximum of \$4,000 be approved to be funded first from any operational surpluses at year end; AND

THAT if there are no operational surpluses, that the amount be drawn down from the Tree Donations Reserve Fund

The motion was discussed, and Councillor Valiquette proposed the following friendly amendment to be in alignment with 50% of the cost of the total project budget of \$9,000:

To replace

THAT a maximum of \$4,000 be approved to be funded first from any operational surpluses at year end

With

THAT a maximum of \$4,500 be approved to be funded first from any operational surpluses at year end.

Councillor Hansen accepted the friendly amendment to revise the motion to the following and to undertake further debate and vote:

Amended Motion 88/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to fund the corridor improvements through the planting of 30 Swedish Aspen along the fence line on the east side of 52nd street corridor; AND

THAT a maximum of \$4,500 be approved to be funded first from any operational surpluses at year end; AND

THAT if there are no operational surpluses, that the amount be drawn down from the Tree Donations Reserve Fund."

Carried



Correspondence

- a) Council Highlights Lacombe County Feb 23, 2023
- b) Canada Day (Call for Committee Representatives and Volunteers)
- c) Letter from Minister Schulz (Funding for Libraries)

Motion 89/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Councillor Valiquette attend the Canada Day committee meetings on behalf of Mayor and Council."

Carried

Motion 90/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT Correspondence items a) and c) be accepted as information."

Carried

Other Business

- a) Mayor and Council (2 representatives requested) attendance at Emergency Management – Winter Storm – Exercise Debrief – March 21, 2023, 11:00am to 3:00pm (Lacombe Memorial Centre – 5214 50th Ave Lacombe AB)

Motion 91/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Councillor Eastman along with herself attend the Emergency Management – Winter Storm – Exercise Debrief on March 21, 2023 from 11:00am to 3:00pm on behalf of Mayor and Council."

Carried

Council Reports

- a) Mayor Rathjen
- b) Deputy Mayor Grimsdale
- c) Councillor Hansen
- d) Councillor Eastman
- e) Councillor Valiquette

Motion 92/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the Council Reports for February 2023 be accepted as information."

Carried



Break **Motion 93/2023** Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council recess for 10 minutes as at 7:51pm and returning by 8:51pm.

Carried

Call to Order Mayor Rathjen called the meeting back in session at 7:59pm

In-Camera **Personnel/labour matter (In-Camera pursuant to Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, Disclosure harmful to personal privacy,"17(1) The head of a public body must refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy)".**

Motion 94/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, be closed to the public at 8:00pm for a discussion regarding a personnel/labour matter, pursuant to Division 2, Exceptions to Disclosure, Disclosure harmful to personal privacy, 17(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act."

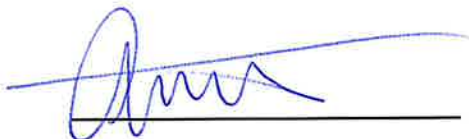
Carried

Motion 95/2023 Moved by Deputy mayor Grimsdale, "THAT the Regular Meeting of Mayor and council be resumed in public at 9:19pm."

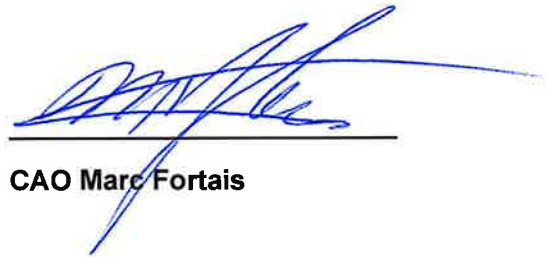
Carried

Adjournment

Mayor Rathjen adjourned the meeting at 9:20pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais