



AGENDA
Bentley Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday May 9, 2023
6:45pm Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

2. 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.”

3. Amendments & Acceptance of Agenda

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting of Council April 25, 2023**

5. Financial:

- a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230297 to 20230334**

6. New Business

None

7. Unfinished Business

- a) Website Project and Branding Update**
- b) Playing Field Report – Based on request form Minor Soccer on April 11, 2023, and subsequent motion 105/2023 by Mayor and Council.**
- c) Elks Park – Oxford School Update**

8. Correspondence

- a) Lacombe County Council Highlights April 13, 2023**
- b) Lacombe County Council Highlights April 27, 2023**

9. Other Business

- a) **AHS Update (Doctor at Care Centre) – Councillor Eastman & Mayor Rathjen (verbal update)**

10. Council Reports

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

11. Adjournment



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

April 25, 2023

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, April 25, 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 116/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, “THAT the agenda of the April 25, 2023, regular meeting of mayor and council be amended to include the following items as other business, as per recommendations from members of council:

- a) Central Alberta Mayor’s collective concerns on health care service delivery.
- b) Change of Deputy Mayor from Dale Grimsdale to Pam Hansen
- c) Email wolf creek public school bus requirements”

Carried

Motion 117/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, “THAT the amended agenda of the April 25, 2023, regular meeting of mayor and council be accepted.”

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 118/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT the minutes of the April 11, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted.”

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230270 to 20230296

Motion 119/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT Cheques No. 20230270 to 20230296 be received for information.”

Carried

b) Council Remuneration Listing

Motion 120/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT the Council Remuneration listing for April be received for information.”

Carried

New Business

a) Public Works Quarterly Report

- General Public Works update was provided by Darren Jensen (Public Works Foreman and a safety update was provided by Chris Loov (Parks Supervisor / Safety Officer)

Motion 121/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Grimsdale, “THAT the Public Works Report and Safety Report be accepted for information.”

Carried

b) Ball Diamonds Maintenance Standards (Asset Management)

- Presentation was provided by Chris Loov (Parks Supervisor / Safety Officer) regarding inventory of assets, and maintenance standards associated with the ball diamonds.

Motion 122/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the Ball Diamonds Maintenance Standards Report be accepted for information."

Carried

- c) Update 52nd Street Corridor Tree Planting (Chris Loov – Parks Supervisor / Safety Officer)

Motion 123/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize administration to change the type and number of trees to be planted on the 52nd Street corridor from 30 Swedish Aspen to 10 Purple Spire Columnar Crab Apple; AND

THAT a maximum of \$4,500 still 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 from the Tree Donations Reserve Fund."

Carried

Correspondence

- a) **Lacombe Foundation Audited Financial Statements**

- b) **Lacombe Foundation Advocacy Messages**

Motion 124/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the CAO Marc Fortais be directed to work with Lacombe Foundation to draft a letter of support for the development of Lacombe Lodge, with the letter to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister of Seniors and Housing."

Carried

Other Business

- a) **Central Alberta Mayor's collective concerns on health care service delivery.**

Motion 125/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the CAO Marc Fortais be directed to draft a letter of support to the Central Alberta Mayor's Collective regarding concerns about Alberta Health Care Service Delivery in our communities."

Carried

b) Change of Deputy Mayor from Dale Grimsdale to Pam Hansen

Motion 126/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Councillor Pam Hansen, will serve as Deputy Mayor and be a designated signing authority on behalf of the Town of Bentley including all Servus Credit Union Accounts from April 26, 2023, to July 11, 2023, replacing Councillor Dale Grimsdale who held the prior term."

Carried

c) Wolf Creek Public School – email regarding busing

Motion 127/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT CAO Marc Fortais work with the Mayor Greg Rathjen to draft a letter voicing the concerns of council regarding the proposed changes to bussing and the resulting costs increases that may be passed onto the community."

Carried

Council Reports

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

Motion 128/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette that the March Council Reports be accepted as information."

Carried

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Rathjen at 8:22pm

Mayor Greg Rathjen

CAO Marc Fortais



TOWN OF BENTLEY

Cheque Listing For Council

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20230297	2023-04-30	CARSON, BARBARA J				
20230298	2023-04-30	JENSEN, DARREN J				
20230299	2023-04-30	MEREDITH, SANDRA L				
20230300	2023-04-30	GIBSON, COLE C				
20230301	2023-04-30	DENNEHY, NATHAN				
20230302	2023-04-30	GREAVES, LORYANNE				
20230303	2023-04-30	FORTAIS, MARC C				
20230304	2023-04-30	KIKSTRA, ROBERT B				
20230305	2023-04-30	LOOV, CHRISTOPHER D				
20230306	2023-04-26	CATALIS TECHNOLOGIES CANADA LTD.	INV4317998	PAYMENT MUNIWARE SOFTWARE SUPPOI	10,438.87	10,438.87
20230307	2023-04-27	MCLAREN, CAROLYN	171	PAYMENT FAMILY PROGRAMMING FOR AP	225.00	225.00
20230308	2023-04-27	TRANSALTA ENERGY MARKETING	23-1301707 23-1302407 23-1302497	PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS FROM MARCH 3 STREET LIGHTING FOR MARCH ELECTRICITY BILL FOR MARCH	296.41 6,229.55 12,128.14	18,654.10
20230309	2023-04-27	WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD	26288496	PAYMENT INSTALLMENT PAYMENT & PRE I	6,441.94	6,441.94
20230310	2023-04-28	EASTMAN, LENORE	31032023	PAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE	62.98	62.98
20230311	2023-04-28	HANSEN, PAMELA DAWN	31032023	PAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE	68.44	68.44
20230312	2023-04-28	RATHJEN, GREG	28032023	PAYMENT REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE	128.62	128.62
20230313	2023-04-28	RECEIVER GENERAL	30042023 30Apr2023	PAYMENT REGULAR EMPLOYMENT INSUR REDUCED EMPLOYMENT INSUR	374.94 24,979.50	25,354.44
20230314	2023-04-28	TELUS MOBILITY INC.	09042023	PAYMENT PW CELL PHONES & FIRE DEPT	122.14	122.14
20230315	2023-05-03	327241 ALBERTA LTD.	1157	PAYMENT MARCH ANIMAL CONTROL SERV	997.50	997.50
20230316	2023-05-03	ACCESS GAS SERVICES	202303-AB1878	PAYMENT ACCESS GAS SERVICES FOR M	5,227.43	5,227.43
20230317	2023-05-03	ADT SECURITY SERVICES CANADA INC.	31951972	PAYMENT PUMPHOUSE SECURITY MONITI	42.00	42.00
20230318	2023-05-03	BENTLEY SENIORS DROP-IN	20231333	PAYMENT SENIORS DROP IN RENTAL FEE	50.00	50.00
20230319	2023-05-03	BUNZL CLEANING & HYGIENE	135762	PAYMENT GARBAGE BAGS FOR SCHOOL -	226.04	226.04
20230320	2023-05-03	CAMPUS ENERGY PARTNERS LP	1000894-20230 1000895-20230 2688ZC-2303-1	PAYMENT CAMPUS ENERGY ADJUSTMENT STREET LIGHTING ADJUSTMEN NATURAL GAS PRIOR PERIOD AI	5.39 0.33 13.08	18.80
20230321	2023-05-03	CARSON, BARB	07042023	PAYMENT TRAVEL & EXPENSES REIMBUR	113.18	113.18
20230322	2023-05-03	GREGG DISTRIBUTORS LP	059-538849 059-541679	PAYMENT GARBAGE BAGS & PPE SAFETY P.W. SHOP BATTERY AND PPE	87.75 486.15	573.90



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20230323	2023-05-03	HOLDEN, KARI	30APRIL2023 357937	PAYMENT APRIL JANITORIAL BENTLEY FIRE HALL JANITORIAL	240.00 210.00	450.00
20230324	2023-05-03	INNOV8, DIGITAL SOLUTIONS INC.	IN407572 IN408782	PAYMENT FCSS PHOTOCOPIER OFFICE & NN USAGE FOR PHOT	14.30 961.12	975.42
20230325	2023-05-03	MOUNTAIN AIR MECHANICALLTD.	10722	PAYMENT BENTLEY FIRE HALL FURNACE F	984.38	984.38
20230326	2023-05-03	NUTIRIEN AG SOLUTIONS (CANADA) INC.	901098515	PAYMENT FERTILIZER FOR PARKS & REC	658.25	658.25
20230327	2023-05-03	PARKLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING SERVICES	21955	PAYMENT GIS BUILD, ENHANCEMENTS AN	855.00	855.00
20230328	2023-05-03	RIMBEY EXPRESS	2787	PAYMENT WATER SAMPLES & RETURNS	110.00	110.00
20230329	2023-05-03	SHAW CABLE	12042023 21042023 23042023	PAYMENT OFFICE INTERNET FCSS INTERNET PW SHOP INTERNET	131.25 124.95 73.50	329.70
20230330	2023-05-03	TAXERVICE	04132023	PAYMENT TAXERVICE FEES FOR TAEHOOI	467.25	467.25
20230331	2023-05-03	UNFUSSY INC.	1007-139 1007-148	PAYMENT BRAND STRATEGY, WESITE DES DESIGN & PRODUCTION	9,870.00 5,250.00	15,120.00
20230332	2023-05-03	WASTE CONNECTIONS OF CANADA INC.	7425-00002523	PAYMENT COMMERCIAL WASTE PICK UP F	1,107.35	1,107.35
20230333	2023-05-03	WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICES	8987	PAYMENT PROGRESS PAYMENT FOR MAY	1,330.88	1,330.88
20230334	2023-05-03	ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES	20230085	PAYMENT BASIC MEMBERSHIP FEE	2,235.54	2,235.54

Total 111,722.33

*** End of Report ***



Agenda Date: May 9, 2023

Agenda Item: Website Project and Branding Update

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

In May of 2022 the Town of Bentley engaged the services of Unfussy through a competitive process, to develop a new brand and website for the Town of Bentley. Unfussy is from Fort Saskatchewan and is a full-service marketing firm, focusing on Strategy, Brand and Community Building, Traditional and Digital Marketing and Creative solutions including visual identity, graphic design and production, marketing, and advertising campaigns.

The town of Bentley also undertook substantial engagement with the local community to develop Bentley's New Brand including surveys, focused engagement as well as consultation with a local working group made up of residents, seniors, youth, business owners etc. The result is an amazing new brand for Bentley that can be incorporated into messaging, marketing materials and key tools such as the Town's new website. The brand development includes brand standards guidelines that can be used consistently when marketing the community long term.

Since that time, Town administration has been working with Unfussy to redevelop the town's outdated website. Content was developed including, new promotional videos, local business owner interviews, new photo stock and b-roll, community marketing collateral including a robust community profile, redesign of the New Beginnings Subdivision to single family dwelling lots (which are now for sale), digitization of all bylaws and policies to be posted on the web, integration of GIS tools to allow residents to search properties and zoning as well as assessment data.

The new website is a complete redesign of the town's information platform and includes virtual tours of the Bentley Museum and integration of the on this spot app to also pay tribute to local historical resources.

Town information is organized more effectively, will be much easier to access and the website provides a platform to share information with the community and to help market the Town of Bentley. The website is also mobile friendly.

CURRENT STATUS

The website is a living tool that can be updated, modified, and controlled via town resources and we will continue to develop further content including a new tax infographic that will help residents and investors to understand the allocation of local taxes. The new infographic will be available once the Tax Rate Bylaw for

2023 has been approved by Mayor and Council. There is also an interactive section that allows user groups to post event information through the stie.

Town administration is excited to share this milestone with the community of Bentley and with tourists, investors, and other communities to showcase why choose Bentley – The Place to Be!

We would also like to thank all those participants in the community that help to make the website possible and for sharing your thoughts, and views regarding your amazing community.

The website went live as of Thursday May 4, 2023, and can be accessed via the link:

www.townofbentley.ca

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

2022 Budgeted Amount	\$15,000
Amount Spent in 2022	\$12,000
Amount spent to complete in 2023	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
Amount spent to complete website:	\$15,000

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mayor and Council accept this report as information.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) None

Marc Fortais, CAO



Agenda Date: May 9, 2023

Agenda Item: Ongoing Business: Bentley Minor Soccer request for new soccer facility

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mayor and Council receive this report as information.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

On February 7, 2023, the Town Office received a letter from Bentley Minor Soccer Association (BMSA) requesting consideration in building a new outdoor soccer facility. (**Attachment #1**). The letter outlined challenges with the existing space at the schools due to it being a multiuse space, maintenance costs being expensive, and the fact that the organization has grown and is rapidly running out of space.

BMSA also indicated that given the recent conversations regarding development of residential lands to the North and the new Area Structure Plan to be considered for the Southeast, that they felt this was an optimal time to incorporate the development of a new outdoor soccer facility with additional amenities such as a running track, green space, playground, and picnic area. BMSA also indicated they would be willing to assist by soliciting donations if a suitable location was procured.

Subsequently on April 11, 2023, BMSA came as a delegation to speak with Mayor and Council regarding this request. Administration was directed through motion 108/2023, "THAT CAO Marc Fortais be directed to look for suitable space on Town owned Land to potentially accommodate a playing field and bring back to council a report within a month regarding the findings."

Administration has prepared this report in response to that motion for Mayor and Council's consideration.

CURRENT STATE

A review was undertaken of existing space in the Town of Bentley that would be suitable to accommodate a soccer pitch of normal size. When considering the development of such space, you need to consider parking, the size of the actually playing area, and space on each side and each end of the pitch. Allowing 10 metres of extra space on each side, a full-size pitch (for adult soccer) of 75 X 110 metres would require a total land area of about 3 acres. A pitch that meets Alberta Soccer

Standards for a U12 game should be 40 to 55 metres wide and 60 to 75 metres long. Again, allowing 10 metres on each side, the total land area would be in the range of approximately 1.75 acres.

1.) Plans and Priorities

Administration also reviewed a variety of Plans and established priorities as follows.

Town of Bentley Parks and Open Space Plan 2008

Relevant goals from that plan indicate:

- Plan Park locations to ensure that all residents have reasonable access to parks and recreation facilities located throughout the town.
- Provide a full range of recreation activities to meet the needs of residents.
- Seek opportunities and leverage funding and facilities with schools, land developers, community groups and other government agencies.
- The plan also defines parks with athletic fields as “Special Use Parks”, and design guidelines recommend having sufficient buffers from noise and traffic if residences are nearby, and access from arterial or collector streets (not from local streets within a residential community)

Summersault Area Structure Plan

The northwest corner of the plan area is the lowest point or drainage point and currently hosts a stormwater detention pond. According to the plan, this is to be a dry pond, but there is water in spring and during wet weather. The plan also shows a seasonal drainage channel running from the southeast to the northwest. These areas together form the planned open space and natural amenity areas for the development and will also allow for pedestrian trail connections within the development. **Improvements are to be the responsibility of the developer.** It also appears in the plan that there will be a public utility lot and an environmental reserve area. There was no contemplation for a municipal reserve, which would be typically utilized for the creation of parks or field spaces.

Town of Bentley/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan

Policy 5.5 of the IDP includes language encouraging the Town to ensure that **adequate park dedication** meeting local and community needs is **available through the subdivision process**, and also encouraging cooperation with Lacombe County in delivering recreational opportunities.

2.) Options Considered

There is no existing public park space that is not being used within the Town of Bentley that would meet these current requirements. Therefore, the only two areas that would potentially be able to accommodate the size required, would be the Summersault Area Structure Plan Lands (**Attachment #2**) (owned by the Town of Bentley) or the area under consideration for the Bentley Southeast Area Structure Plan (which is currently not owned by the Town of Bentley) (**Attachment #3**)

A.) 46a Street Park

- The neighborhood park on 46a street, north of 53 Avenue cul-de-sac, has a large open grassed area that might be large enough for a small soccer pitch. However, the area north

of the existing playground is only about 45 metres long on the shorter side – short for even a minor soccer facility. Other considerations include the need to fully fence the area to prevent balls from entering the street, and a lack of parking since this is a neighborhood park. Significant traffic and on street parking on a local street would be the result, affecting the character and enjoyment of the neighborhood for existing residents.

- **This site is not recommended for consideration, sports fields that serve the broader community should be located on an arterial or collector road and provide suitable off-street parking.**

B.) Summersault Area Structure Plan

Stormwater Pond

- In some cases, fields can be placed on stormwater management ponds, however in this case there is standing water on many occasions evidenced by aerial photographs over the years. Second the pond is at the low point in the landscape, it would be costly to level the area to create a playing field. Thirdly, parking and traffic may be a concern at this location, on a local road within the neighborhood. **Therefore, a soccer pitch is likely not feasible on the stormwater pond.**

ASP Amendment

- The plan indicates that sports fields were discussed in the design phase for the project but were ruled out in favor of passive recreation areas. We must remember that when these plans are created, they include engagement with the public as well. **However, the option still exists to re-examine the ASP and consider designating a park area for sports fields. This would require an amendment to the Area Structure Plan.** Design work would be needed to identify the ideal location, and this would affect the layout of the plan area and the overall number of lots. Depending on the location and layout and the size of the park in addition to the soccer pitch, at least 8 to 10 single detached lots would be eliminated from future development and there may be a need to revise engineering work for future tie ins. **An ASP amendment process would include public consultation, a public hearing, and a bylaw to formally change the statutory plan. This process should be preceded by a thorough discussion of all recreational needs of the community, as suggested in the Parks and Open Space Plan.**

C.) Bentley Southeast – Future Area Structure Plan

Bentley Southeast ASP Property

- The plan is currently drafted (based on mapping that was presented to the public in November 2022) incorporates up to 2.25 hectares (not quite 5 acres) of Municipal Reserve, mainly intended as a buffer with a berm south of 48th Avenue, and corridors for trails. An additional MR could be considered. Given the size of the overall area, an additional hectare or two of land is not likely to be significant, as long as a suitable location is chosen. We are currently in the process of removing the southerly two quarter sections and revising the plan, which will come back to the public for further consultation and feedback.
- **It is important to consider the purpose and the intent of the ASP – to create opportunities for commercial and industrial development. Creation of public park spaces should not detract from this economic development goal. However, choosing a site on the periphery of the area and avoiding access from an internal industrial roadway, would**

mitigate land use compatibility concerns. In general investment in recreation could be seen as positive by developers, and aid in the attraction of business. **This is not likely to be a short-term option; where the land is privately owned, acquisition of MR areas would happen as there is development.**

Firehall existing property

- In addition, administration reviewed the existing firehall property, and it was found the area is not sufficient in size to accommodate a field. (**Attachment #4**). It should also be noted that in conversations with the county, they have indicated that placing a soccer field adjacent to the firehall is not a compatible use in their opinion, due to potential conflicts with emergency response that may be encountered by users of such a field from parking and pedestrian traffic.

D.) Partnerships with Lacombe County

- This kind of special purpose park being requested, serves the area population, not just the Town. Although it would be preferable to have our own additional playing space to attract and keep people in Bentley, consideration should be given to where amenities already exist in the County and are being underutilized.
- For example, there is an existing soccer pitch within Lacombe County, off Rainy Creek Road located on Range Road 24 - about 20km (15-to-18-minute drive from Bentley).(**Attachment # 5**)
- While this location may not be ideal for Bentley residents, there are many participants from Bentley Minor Soccer that live within the county. The field appears to be 50X100 metres, and with some maintenance could be quite suitable for Minor Soccer. It is part of a rural subdivision development that has not been built out, but the road is paved as well as there is ample parking, and the soccer uprights are in place.
- Upon initial conversations with county representatives, they are open to the conversation regarding additional amenities such as washrooms, field maintenance and regular mowing if the field is to be requested to be utilized. Currently no one is using the field.

3.) Other considerations

- Typically, fields such as this are built through investment in community by developers through a subdivision process and via Municipal Reserve dedication. There is, however, nothing stopping any group or community organization from undertaking initiatives that support the expansion and development of their own recreational amenities. Organizations can undertake their own fundraising, acquire their own land, and operate their own facilities if they choose to do so.
- Mayor and Council should be cognizant of all sports, recreation and not-for-profit organizations that exist within the Town of Bentley. If it is a priority of Mayor and Council to develop additional recreation amenities in the community, this should be considered as a part of an overarching recreation master plan, that takes into consideration all sporting groups and develops a comprehensive approach through public engagement to prioritize the development of recreation amenities. In addition, the costs associated with potential development of additional recreation amenities, both capital costs and long-term operating costs, must be

balanced against existing priorities for infrastructure replacement including arena slab and ice plant replacement, concrete replacement, Dick Damron Drive rehab, Oxford Park development and other aging infrastructure identified through a robust asset management planning process.

- Tax considerations are also important as adding additional amenities results in additional operational costs and upkeep. Diversification of the tax base and attraction of industrial and commercial investment should remain a top priority for mayor and council. Through that attraction and investment, amenities such as this can be included as MR designation in the creation of the area structure plans that look to the long-term future. If the desired outcome of Mayor and Council is to prioritize the creation of additional recreational field space, that feedback should be provided to the consultant through the Area Structure Plan Process and through the assigned council representatives to the IDP & ICF Committee.
- Current field utilization by minor soccer occurs during the week only. It is the Town's understanding that the fields are not utilized on weekends by minor soccer. It may be an option to gain some additional capacity by scheduling games on weekends. However, this would need to be considered with the availability of volunteers to be able to support weekend games.
- Participants to Bentley Minor Soccer are broken down as follows and should be considered from a funding perspective if a field is to be built, there should be partnerships with the County to support the utilization from residents outside of the community of Bentley:

○ Bentley Box Number	48
○ Bentley Street Address	18
○ RR1 Bentley	16
○ RR1 and Box Number	4
○ Lacombe County RR1 and Box Number	22
○ Box Number Lacombe	2
○ RR1 Rimbey	5
○ Box Number Rimbey	2
○ Town Address Rimbey	1
○ Sylvan Lake Town Address	5
○ Red Deer County	1

ATTACHMENTS

- 1.) Letter Bentley Minor Soccer
- 2.) Summersault Area Structure Plan Lands
- 3.) Bentley Southeast ASP Lands as shown in the last public engagement (amendment underway to the plan to remove southerly two quarters)
- 4.) Firehall Property Map
- 5.) Soccer Pitch off of Rainy Creek Rd

Marc Fortais, CAO

Town of Bentley Municipal Office
4918 50 Ave
Bentley, AB
TOC 0J0
Attention: Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Marc Fortais

February 7, 2023
Re: Request for space for new soccer fields

Dear Mr. Fortais and Respective Bentley Town Council Members;

The Bentley Minor Soccer Association (BMSA) is asking your consideration in building a new outdoor soccer facility. Our club has seen rapid growth over the last number of years, and the need for updated fields is imperative to keeping our club moving forward. In the last ten years, Bentley Minor Soccer has gone from approximately 40 kids in the age categories of U6, U8, and U10, to last season, in 2022, a total of 107 kids registered in age categories from U5 to U15.

While we have been fortunate to use the Bentley Elementary field space, this is no longer suitable for a club of our size for a variety of reasons. First of all, as the elementary fields are a multi use space for soccer, track and field, school gym, school recesses, and the general public, the additional maintenance of the field has become cumbersome and expensive. Secondly, as we have grown, so too, have the number of competitive teams and subsequent games. As such, there are often nights of play where there is simply not enough space for all teams to practice safely and adequately. Lastly, this multi use space has continued to deteriorate year after year, with a potential cause being dew worms. Each of these issues present a safety hazard for the children participating.

The BMSA feels the construction of a new outdoor space would bring even more youth to the game, as well as a sense of pride for the general public of Bentley. A new outdoor space would allow our teams more games and practice times, as well as open up pitch time to host additional games and tournaments in the future. Every year for the past approximately 8 years, the BMSA has hosted a U9 Development Tournament. This tournament sees 12 teams, bringing approximately 150 players and their families to the town of Bentley. Having proper field space would allow us to continue and expand on the success of this tournament, benefiting the small businesses of Bentley as a whole.

In conjunction with the proposal to further develop the Town of Bentley to the South and West, the members of the BMSA feel it is a timely opportunity to incorporate the development of a new outdoor soccer facility. Furthermore, in order to make this space more inclusive, the area could also include areas such as a running track, green space, playground, picnic area etc. The benefit of a space such as this is a healthy, vibrant community that will continue to draw people to the beautiful town of Bentley. The BMSA is greatly willing to assist with this endeavour by soliciting donations from the business community for the construction of the facility, once the suitable land has been procured. The BMSA cordially requests a meeting with you and the appropriate personnel. Thank you for your attention to this matter; the BMSA looks forward to speaking with you soon.

Kindest Regards,



Michelle Lundy

Vice President, Bentley Minor Soccer Association



TOWN OF BENTLE

LEGEND

- Phase 1 Boundary
- Proposed Subdivision
- Residential District
- RD (General Residential) District
- RD (Manufactured Home) District
- RD (Mobile Home) District
- Drainage Canal
- Drainage Easement
- Environmental Reserve (ER)
- Environmental Reserve (ER) Easement
- Arterial Right-of-Way (AR)
- Arterial Right-of-Way (AR) Easement
- Deed Easement
- Deed Easement

NOTE: All property lines shown are based on the latest available information. The property lines shown on this plan are for informational purposes only. The property lines shown on this plan are not to be used for any other purpose. The property lines shown on this plan are not to be used for any other purpose.

SCALE

1" = 100'

DATE

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

PROJECT

SW22 40-1-W5M

CLIENT

HIDRICK ALBERSON



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WATER SOURCE PROJECTS
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SOUTHEAST BENTLEY AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

MAP 4: FUTURE LAND USE CONCEPT

- Plan Area Boundary
- Highway Commercial
- Light Industrial
- General Industrial
- Public Institutional
- Municipal Reserve
- Highway ROW To Be Re-allocated
- Wetland Features
- Trail/Pedestrian Route
- Cemetery
- Cemetery Expansion
- Fire Department
- Future Water Treatment Plant and Reservoir
- Storm Water Management Pond
- Telecommunications Tower and Anchors
- Potential Right-In Right-Out
- Future Controlled Railway Crossing
- Oil/Gas Well
- Tentative Property Line
- Expected Setback From Highway 12 (10m)
- Easement for Drainage System
- Oil/Gas Well Setback (100m)



NOTE: THIS DRAWING IS NOT INTENDED FOR DETAILED SUBDIVISION AND ENGINEERING DESIGN. BOUNDARIES BETWEEN LAND USES AND LOCATION OF FEATURES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE TIME OF SUBDIVISION AND/OR DEVELOPMENT IS REQUIRED.









Agenda Date: May 9, 2023

Agenda Item: New Business Oxford School Historical Tribute and Elks Park

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mayor and Council accept this report as information.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

On September 27, 2022, at a Regular Meeting of Council, the difficult decision was made to undertake the demolition of Oxford School, the building was formally demolished in November of 2022.

The decision to demolish Oxford School was not made lightly and was based on the significant costs to repair the building due to major concerns including deterioration of the roof, load-bearing brick walls and foundations. In addition to the decision to demolish the building, Mayor and Council also directed administration to complete a formalized concept plan and present that plan through an additional public information session in the future to seek further feedback and finalize design and cost estimates of park improvements. Also, once additional feedback was received and incorporated into a finalized design, it would be presented at a future council meeting in 2023.

Since that time, the 2023 budget was approved in December of 2022, with a budget to undertake design work in the second quarter (May to June) of 2023 related to the Elks Park Re-Design. Administration has hired landscape architecture firm EDS (Environmental Design Solutions) based out of Spruce Grove, AB, to undertake the design work and to develop two concepts for the park. The firm was hired through a competitive process where quotes were obtained and evaluated to conduct the work. In addition, EDS has substantial experience in environmental planning, urban design, and landscape architecture and has worked on many projects with Municipalities and for the public sector.

The concept plan will utilize the feedback obtained during the public information session on June 29, 2022, to help inform the concept plan. (**Attachment #1**). It will also include historical components that pay tribute to the Oxford School and find a way to incorporate the brick, intel and steeple salvaged through the demolition process. As well as balance costs, recommend grant funding and create a park that provides space for a multitude of users.

It is anticipated that further public engagement will occur at the beginning of June (1st or 2nd week) to provide a draft concept plan, and we are currently working with the consultant to finalize the specific date for the information session and engagement. Please see the Town of Bentley Website,

Neighborhood Notes and Facebook for further updates regarding the date for the upcoming engagement and project information as it becomes available.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Public Information June 29, 2022 - Feedback

Marc Fortais, CAO

ATTACHMENT #1



OXFORD SCHOOL PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION COMMENTS RECEIVED IN WRITING FROM JUNE 29, 2022, SESSION

SUMMARY

- There was a total of 20-25 people throughout the evening that attended the session in person between 5:00pm and 9:00pm. There were also a couple of emails and a letter submitted to the town office.
- Feedback forms were filled out by those that wished to do so and dropped in a ballot box.
- A total of 19 forms were completed and submitted. Additionally, the town received 2 specific emails with comments and 1 signed letter. There was also 1 additional comment submitted from the school that has been added that relates to saving the school and not demolishing it. The result is 23 specific pieces of feedback.
- The comments have been typed word for word below for Mayor and Council's information
- 8 of the comments relate to saving the school and not demolishing it and the other 15 provide ideas of what to do when the building is demolished or suggest that it should be demolished.

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COMMENTS

- 1.) If building is demolished the salvaged use bricks as a fund raiser (\$100.00) per brick could go a long way to be used for an enhanced park – Spray Park etc. Hopefully the Oxford School sign could be used to commemorate the site.
- 2.) Rip it down to a water park.
- 3.) Definitely re-use some of the original brick & other materials to create a small memorial marker. Create an attractive kid-friendly “school fort”, miniature like playhouse or a spray park for children. Gazebo – covered with electricity for bands. Placards, historical information pictures.
- 4.) Personally – I do not think any decisions regarding the building removal should be put on hold until all avenues are researched for upgrading. For example, government grants through Alberta Historic Resources, CFEP & Community Fundraising. Keep it closed but take the time to really research. Don’t make the mistake that will be regretted in a year or so. There is a lot of potential for this building as far as user!!
- 5.) Try to incorporate all of these into the Town Park area:
 - a. Children’s splash park
 - b. Open stage theatre
 - c. Improved playground equipment
 - d. Visitors centre
 - e. Washrooms
 - f. Basketball/volleyball park
 - g. Skate Park
 - h. Picnic area
 - i. Sand pit
- 6.) I would like to see if we could put a spray park in place or something that could benefit our youth. We leave town for a lot of activities and would love to have a splash park in town.
- 7.) I don’t see the value in repairing the building. This town could use the money towards something that will actually benefit the town. I think that location would be perfect for a splash park.
- 8.) I feel Council should look into what will make Bentley a place where people will want to stop and have a look. So, we have to think about what we have to attract people. Taking down historical buildings is not one of them. I realize it cost money to restore things. Maybe it can be done in stages. It can be made into an attractive place to rent out. I would like to see a 5-year moratorium set before any demolition is made. 10-15 years from now you don’t want to have to say, “We should have kept that school” Is there some other party or business interested in buying it or give it to some organization to restore.
- 9.) There are approximately 15 country schools in the Bentley Community the biggest of them have memorial markers (plaques sheet metal cultural artworks. I feel Oxford School should follow the same procedure. Memorial could include the steeple, bricks from Oxford School and a plaque which could include a picture. Also, if council is considering spending many \$ the taxpayer of Bentley should be consulted by survey in their utility bills with a return stamped envelope.

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COMMENTS CONT'D

- 10.) I believe that the financial options are to be considered! \$80,000 for demolition as opposed to \$1,250,000 to restore speaks for itself – Sorry love history and vintage buildings but I don't want to see a 25% hit on our taxes for a restored building that has no use – has not been used fully for the last 50 years. So, if someone can get a couple of million \$ then it could be restored but not on Taxpayers backs. Memorialize with vintage Style Brick Gazebo. What Bentley needs is a small Motel or Hotel for accommodation of visitors etc.
- 11.) Save the school, get the historical society involved & heritage foundation Alberta has a surplus in their budget jump at the opportunity.
- 12.) Keep the sign in a special place – what would it look like to give or sell bricks – like the Berlin Wall to raise money for needed projects in Bentley. Its beautiful, but not reasonable to borrow money & raise taxes. Do a celebration of Oxford take pictures before it goes.
- 13.) Demolish for safety reasons & salvage bricks to be used to build a Gazebo which could be used for weddings, picnics, music in the park etc. You could make the Gazebo front look similar to the Oxford School. Or use the bricks to make bathrooms for the park.
- 14.) I am against putting money into it
- 15.) From Bentley School a survey was issued to the School Community asking what they would like to see in the space of Oxford School. Here are the responses:

Gr 1.	Water spray park
Gr 2/3	Water spray park, outdoor fitness equipment, skate park, community garden
Gr 5	Water spray park, outdoor pool, skate park
Gr 6	Water spray park, skate park, Full sized basketball court that could be turned into an outdoor ice rink in winter, mini golf, outdoor fitness equipment
Gr 7	Water spray park, outdoor fitness equipment, bathrooms
Gr 8	Water spray park, new playground equipment
Gr 10	Water spray park, bathrooms, green space with more picnic tables, outdoor fitness equipment
Gr 10 & 11	Water spray park, bathrooms
Gr 12	Water spray park

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COMMENTS CONT'D

16.) Other suggestions:

The building should be declared a historical building and sold to Wolf Creek Public Schools for \$1.00. Then ask WCSD to restore the building and create a woods/cts lab. I would hope that money could be provided by the Provincial Government to help with the repair. I would love to see it restored and used.

17.) Hello there, I am writing in regard to the news that the old Oxford school house is potentially going to be demolished. Hearing this saddened me as the town hardly has any remaining historical buildings. Historic buildings are what gives small towns their charm and character. In addition to feeling sad about the news I was also frustrated to find out about this through a post on a Facebook message board. No info about previous conversations, no inquiries with the towns residents and what seems like no input from anybody who actually lives here. This is something that should be up for discussion and not just decided upon by a the few. At the very least there should be an announcement through all forms of communication with the town residents announcing that their feedback is needed, and if that needs to take place at a town meeting then this should have been communicate. I am aware that at this very moment of me writing this email, feeding my baby at home, and putting her to bed, because I cannot make it to the meeting, the fate of the schoolhouse has probably already been decided. I hope I'm wrong. I hope there are further discussions and I hope that the town council does everything in their power to make sure the residents of Bentley know about major changes to the place they call home. I understand that the cost to fix the schoolhouse is incredibly high, but I would like to think that we as a community can help come to a conclusion as to where we can at least try to save the building. I hope you reconsider the demolition of the Oxford School house.

18.) I was delayed in writing due to a family health issues this past month. Suggestions – tear down, keep some bricks to make metal Oxford School Sign as per county of Lacombe country signs. Utilities in place for a public washroom. Gazebo (band stand as per in the states) incorporate into the park with paths. Can be used for music, stage plays, weddings / pictures. Mural painting on the old firehall. Scene of Bentley old streets, old farms, countryside buildings. No abstract drawing.

19.) School is too many \$ to save! Save the bricks, build a Gazebo and family gathering place. History is important but at what cost.

20.) Save the school. Make it a place for teenagers to access. My teens found “nothing to do” in Bentley. Combine youth and seniors to share their wisdom. Find volunteers to pass on their skills & knowledge – I would volunteer to show my sewing skills. Ask the youth to be involved in fighting to save the school for a place for them. This town needs an attraction, invest in our youth instead of them exiting. Get a mechanic to volunteer to share his/her knowledge of car maintenance. Get a horticulturist to share their knowledge of gardening. Involve our youth/teens in preserving our history. SAVE OUR SCHOOL. Remember cherish our past please! Honor our seniors.

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- 21.) Register as a municipal historical building. Ask county of Lacombe for funding.
Take a good look at what it would cost to borrow the money. What is the town total money & amount paid yearly.
- 22.) Raised stage with shell with lighting, sound system with Bricks and Arch from old building displayed.
- 23.) Please don't demolish the building! Use the money you are going to tear it down with to start a repair fund. Even if it takes 20 years do the repairs slowly as funds are available. It will take a lot of digging and work for council to find grants, but it will be well worth it. Don't be the council that destroys Oxford School!



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 13, 2023

BYLAW NO. 1389/23 PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held for Bylaw No. 1389/23. Bylaw No. 1389/23 is a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Sylvan Lake Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1127/10.

Following the public hearing, Bylaw No. 1389/23 was given second and third reading and so passed.

AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Council reviewed the meeting notes of the March 15, 2023 Lacombe County Agriculture Service Board (ASB) meeting and approved the recommendations as presented.

ROADSIDE HAYING POLICY

The Roadside Haying Policy and Roadside Haying Agreement were provided to Council for consideration and, by resolution of Council, were approved as presented.

LACOMBE SOUTH CONNECTOR FUNCTIONAL PLANNING STUDY

The City of Lacombe and Lacombe County successfully obtained an Alberta Community Partnership grant for the purposes of conducting a functional planning study for the Lacombe South Connector. The goal of this study is to alleviate future traffic congestion on Highway 12 in Lacombe in a manner that is supported and understood by all public and private stakeholders.

The project team will assemble a working group, made up of various stakeholders, to assess the needs of each stakeholder group as well as the needs of private landowners, for recommendation to the City of Lacombe Council and Lacombe County Council.

TIPPING FEES FOR SANDY POINT CAMPGROUNDS

Council was presented with information regarding the Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission and tipping fees for Sandy Point Campgrounds. By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to prepare a report regarding the charging and collection of tipping fees at Sandy Point Campgrounds, for presentation at a future Council meeting.

TEC INTERSECTION STUDY HIGHWAY 12 & HIGHWAY 792

Council was presented with information regarding the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Intersection Study of HWY 12 and HWY 792 (Lincoln Road).

By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to prepare a report regarding the upcoming review of the intersection, and further, that this report be presented for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

BOARD GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

Council was presented with information regarding a Board Governance Workshop that may be available to Council and community groups within the County. Further details about the workshop are forthcoming.

PACE SOLAR PROJECT

Council was provided with a presentation from Claude Mindorff of PACE Solar.



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PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Council was provided with a presentation and update on the strategic planning framework and priority-based budgeting processes.

LACOMBE FCSS EVENTS

Lacombe County has been invited, and by resolution will send Council representation, to the Lacombe FCSS Volunteer Appreciation Awards Night on April 18, 2023 and the Lacombe FCSS Annual General Meeting on April 19, 2023.

BYLAW NO. 1392/23 BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW 1350/21 ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW

In May 2022, Lacombe County Council approved a road closure and disposition, Bylaw No. 1350/21, that was subsequently rejected by Land Titles as the wording to describe the portion of the road to be closed was not acceptable. By resolution of Council, the amended bylaw was read a first time, a second time, presented for third reading by a unanimous vote, read a third time and finally passed.

BYLAW NO. 1387/23 BYLAW TO AMEND LACOMBE COUNTY MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BYLAW NO. 1388/23 BYLAW TO AMEND LACOMBE COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW

The 5-Year Review of the Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use Bylaw was presented to Council on March 9, 2023 and accepted for information at that time. The review and the public submissions received for Council's consideration have identified some areas for improvements to the plans, to which updates were proposed. By resolution of Council, both bylaws were read a first time and a public hearing for Bylaw No's 1387/23 and 1388/23 was set for May 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is
Thursday, April 27, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is
June 6, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 27, 2023

CITY OF LACOMBE RC(1) CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

The City of Lacombe has made applications under the County's Recreation Capital Policy RC(1) for the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre, Echo Energy Arenas, and the Trinity Crossing Accessible Playground for 2023. In addition to these recreation projects, the City is seeking funding for its 2023 cemetery upgrades. By resolutions of Council, Lacombe County will contribute up to \$224,060 to the City of Lacombe's recreation capital projects, funded from the Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve and \$10,000 for the City's cemetery upgrades funded from the Cemetery Reserve.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Factor5 Group Inc. has been working on the Lacombe County Economic Development Strategy (EDS) since March 2022. The final draft of *Success Grows Here! An Economic Development Strategy for Lacombe County* was created with significant input from staff and Council and was presented for Council review on March 9, 2023. Additional feedback has been incorporated into the document and, by resolution of Council was approved for endorsement.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to Ken Wigmore, Debbie Leitch, Claudia Lipski, Terry Engen, Anna Robertson, and Sherry Vink, who were presented with Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee medals for their outstanding service and citizenship.

2022 OPERATING SURPLUS AND RESERVE ALLOCATION

The County realized a net cash operating surplus of \$2,855,221, representing 4.92% of the 2022 operating budget. By resolution of Council, the operating budget surplus was allocated, in parts, to the New Payment Reserve, Gravel Reserve, Bridge Reserve, and Municipal Facilities Reserve. A small portion of the surplus will remain in unrestricted surplus.

2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT & TAX RATE BYLAW

With the release of the 2023 requisitions and the completion of the 2023 property assessments, the final budget and Property Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1394/23 were presented to Council for consideration. Due to increased property assessments, the proposed final budget and tax rate bylaw included no increase in residential, farmland, and non-residential municipal tax rates. By resolution of Council, the 2023 Lacombe County operating budget was approved. As well, Bylaw 1394/23 received first, second, and third reading, and was passed.

SCAP PROGRAMMING

Council was provided with an overview of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) programming. SCAP is a partnership between the federal, provincial, and territorial governments that supports development in Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector through a variety of environmental sustainability, business development, and value-added programming.

TEC INTERSECTION STUDY – HWY 12 & HWY 792 (LINCOLN ROAD)

CIMA+ Engineering, on behalf of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC), has provided notification of an intersectional review of the Highway 12 and Highway 792 intersection. Included in the notification was a request for input from Lacombe County. By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to work with CIMA+ Engineering on the functional study of the intersection with a request that the study include the following:

- The seasonal traffic patterns as they relate to the high recreation users that visit the lakes and pass through to the west country.



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- Explore additional signage for motorists, allowing for a better understanding of the intersectional markings.
- Include long-term projections of traffic based on future, either actual or projected developments in the area.
- That the County obtain a copy of the report and provide input and consultation with TEC on any future improvements identified in the study.

ROAD CLOSURE & SALE – ROAD PLAN 442EO

Road Plan 442EO is a road diversion within the Pt. NW 25-41-2 W5. Craig Colgrave is requesting the closure and sale of Road Plan 442EO so it can be consolidated with his property, in the Pt. NW 25-41-2 W5M (Plan 222269, Block 1, Lot 1 (58.02 acres). The proposal was circulated to interested parties for comment; there was no response from adjacent landowners and the affected utility companies responded siting no concerns.

By resolution of Council, the closure of Road Plan 442EO was approved. To complete the road closure process, the request will be forwarded to Alberta Transportation for approval and then registered with Land Titles.

MEETING WITH THE VILLAGE OF ALIX

Lacombe County Council has been invited, and will arrange to participate in, a Council-to-Council Meeting with the Village of Alix to discuss intermunicipal matters.

BYLAW NO. 1395/23 RATES AND FEES BYLAW

Bylaw No. 1395/23 was presented for Council's consideration and, by resolution, received first, second, and third reading, and was passed. This bylaw updates the previous 2023 Rates and Fees Bylaw to incorporate a change to fees for assessment information requests.

BYLAW NO. 1391/23 SPEED CONTROL BYLAW

Bylaw No. 1391/23 was presented for Council's consideration and, by resolution, received first, second, and third reading, and was passed. This bylaw pertains to regulating and controlling the speed of vehicles within Lacombe County.

PALM BAY ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVE ENCROACHMENT

Council was provided with a verbal presentation by Jim Jardine of Trilliant Real Estate Group and Kent Stout, a property owner in the Palm Bay subdivision, regarding encroachment on County environmental reserve. The presentation was received for information by Council and the County Manager was directed to prepare a report and recommendation for consideration at a future Council meeting.

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Representatives of BDO LLP presented the draft 2022 audited financial statements, the final report to Council, management letter, and letter of representation. By resolution of Council, a closed meeting was held to discuss matters pertaining to the financial statements; and further, the audited financial statements were approved, as amended, to include the 2022 surplus allocation to reserves.

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Greg Rathjen

REPORT FOR April 2023

- April 11 Regular Council Meeting
- April 18 Meeting with Central Alberta Mayors *We dealt with AHS Issues related to the present Hospital crisis and needs. *We were submitting the request to have a representative from Central Alberta at the table with representatives from Edmonton and Calgary. *The need for an ongoing plan to get us to the finishing of the additions and upgrades for the Red Deer Hospital for 2030. *Planning and discussing the needs and concerns for Central Alberta Care and staffing
- April 20 Red Deer Mayors 17th Annual Prayer Breakfast with hundreds of Area representatives, business reps, 14 Mayors, Many MLAS, Premier Smith. I was able to talk with Premier Smith about Bentley and the joint Study we have been doing on the Medicine Hills Ski Club and the future for the Town owned area there.
- April 25 Met with CAO Marc and the Area Alberta Sheriffs. Looking at the direction the province is leading their department and looking at needs for Policing in our area with summer coming.
- April 25 We had our portraits taken for our soon to be released Web site.
- April 25 M.P.C. meeting
- April 25 Regular council meeting



Dale Grimsdale

REPORT FOR April 2023

- April 11: Regular Council Meeting

- April 25: Regular Council Meeting

- April 25: MPC meeting - approval of garage design on 52 Ave

- April 26: LRWSC meeting - Highlights include:
 - Auditor report presented to the board and accepted.
 - Annual report recapping 2022
 - Managers report highlighting staff milestones, budgets, and equipment update and composting update.
 - COLA adjustment discussion
 - Waste haul summary of 2023 and 2022 comparison

- April 27- PAMZ Meeting - Highlights include:
 - Update on historical normal observed for passive and continuous networks on all data levels. No major concerns detected.
 - New PM2 monitor installed April 27 at riverside station.
 - New signs planned for Lancaster and Riverside sites.
 - Presentation on PAMZ presented to Red Deer Mayor in Council to gain support for PAMZ
 - Martha Portable went into service at Lacombe site on April 6. So far data is consistent to historical norms. (Next site is Nordegg)
 - Looking to put 2 more passive stations at Clearview County
 - Purple air sensor in Lacombe continues to fail with a communication error.
 - Communication Committee report including blue skies award update
 - Results of financial Audit and acceptance
 - Boundary realignment finalized with guests from WCAS
 - WCAS Board of Directors report



Lenore Eastman

REPORT FOR April 2023

- April 5th Canada Day meeting
- April 11th Regular Council Meeting
- April 19th Canada Day Meeting
- April 25th Council Portraits for new website
Regular Council Meeting
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting



Brenda Valiquette

REPORT FOR April 2023

- April 5/23 was our first Canada day committee meeting.
- April 11/23 regular meeting
 - Bentley minor soccer giving their presentation for land and or field to be used for soccer, no decision was made.
 - we also put forth a few names to change the name of new beginnings subdivision, names were put up on through a survey link, to gather input from the Public.
- April 19/23 was our second Canada Day Committee meeting, and we are getting some progress made.
- April 25/23 regular council meeting
 - we had portraits done for the new website.
 - then we had our regular council meeting with a presentation from Public Works Foreman Darren and the Parks Supervisor/Safety Officer - Chris to fill us in on our water, and hydrants, and safety etc
 - followed by our municipal planning meeting.
 - All in all, it was a very good night



Pam Hansen

REPORT FOR April 2023

- Regular council meeting April 11
- Regular council meeting April 25
- Unable to attend Library meeting but highlights were provided:
 - Managers reviewed Administration report
 - Public works fixed the furnace
 - Town gave \$600 towards petting zoo during Fair & Rodeo
 - Treasurer went through old records and destroyed applicable files according to Policy
 - No report on Parkland Regional Library. Managers attended some meetings.
 - Remaining policies will be reviewed at our September meeting
 - We received an Advocacy – How To Guide
 - Next meeting will be June 14 and will be our new AGM date