



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

**May 23, 2023**

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**Date and Place** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

**In Attendance** Mayor Greg Rathjen  
Deputy Mayor Hansen  
Councillor Grimsdale  
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 137/2023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the May 23, 2023, regular meeting of mayor and council be accepted."

**Carried**

**Previous Minutes**

**Motion 138/2023** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the minutes of the May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

**Carried**

**Financial**

**a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230335 to 20230384**

**Motion 139/2023** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, “THAT Cheques No. 20230335 to 20230384 be received for information.”

**Carried**

**New Business**

**a) 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Update – Budget Presentation**

CAO Marc Fortais presented the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial update including projections to the end of the year based on actuals up to and including April 30, 2023.

**Motion 140/2023** Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial update – budget presentation as presented by CAO Marc Fortais be accepted as information.”

**Carried**

**Break**

**Motion 141/2023** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, “THAT Mayor and Council take a short recess at 7:57pm for 5 minutes.”

**Carried**

**Mayor Rathjen called the meeting back in session at 8:03pm**

**New Business (Cont'd)**

**b) Bylaw 241/2023 – 2023 Mil Rate Bylaw – A Bylaw to establish the tax rates for the 2023 calendar year.**

**Motion 142/2023** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, “THAT Bylaw 241/2023 be given first reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023.”

**Carried**

**Motion 143/2023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Hansen, “THAT Bylaw 241/2023 be given second reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023.”

**Carried**

**Motion 144/2023** Moved by Councillor Eastman, “THAT Bylaw 241/2023 be considered for third and final reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023.”

**Carried Unanimously**



**Motion 145/2023** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Bylaw 241/2023 be given a third and final reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023."

**Carried Unanimously**

**c) Bylaw 242/2023 – Supplementary Assessment and Taxation of Manufactured Homes for the 2023 calendar year**

**Motion 146/2023** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Bylaw 242/2023 be given the first reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023."

**Carried**

**Motion 147/2023** Moved by Councillor Grimdsdale, "THAT Bylaw 242/2023 be given second reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023."

**Carried**

**Motion 148/2023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Hansen, "THAT Bylaw 242/2023 be considered for third and final reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023."

**Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 149/2023** Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Bylaw 242/2023 be given third and final reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023."

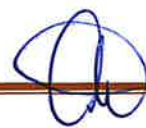
**Carried**

**Unfinished Business**

**a) Bentley Southeast Area Structure Plan Update**

CAO Marc Fortais provided information in relation to the upcoming public engagement on June 29, 2023. This engagement will provide an opportunity for the public to review the 2nd draft of the Area Structure Plan for Bentley Southeast commercial and industrial lands. The new draft takes into consideration the feedback received from the first round of public engagement. The project is a collaboration between Lacombe County and the Town of Bentley. Additional information about the project and the current draft of the plan is available on the town website at:

<https://townofbentley.ca/business-development/building-development/bentley-lacombe-joint-development-initiative/>



**Motion 150/2023** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the update provided, regarding the Bentley Southeast Area Structure Plan update be accepted as information.

**b) Subdivision Renaming – Results of Survey**

**Motion 151/2023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council direct administration to accept the survey results regarding the renaming of the New Beginnings Subdivision to Sunset Heights; AND THAT from this point forward the subdivision will be referred to as Sunset Heights."

**Carried**

**c) Bentley Minor Soccer Letter – Field Development**

**Motion 152/2023** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the CAO be directed to obtain a quote from PCPS regarding incorporation of recreation amenities in the Summersault Area Structure Plan; AND THAT the CAO connect with minor soccer regarding the process once the quote is obtained.

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

**a) Lacombe County Council Highlights May 11, 2023**

**b) Bentley Public Library (Return on Investment 2022)**

Councillor Hansen provided a summary and update of the return on investment for the Bentley Public Library.

**c) Canada Post Update – Bentley Postal Outlet**


**Motion 153/2023** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT correspondence items a) to c) be received for information."

**Carried**

**Break**

**Motion 154/2023** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT mayor and Council take a short recess at 8:58 for 5 minutes."

**Carried**



**Mayor Rathjen called the meeting back in session at 9:03pm**

**Other Business**

- a) **In-Camera regarding confidential preliminary draft park designs, which will be shared at public engagement once finalized in early June for Oxford Park.** In accordance with the freedom of information and privacy act, Division 2 – Exceptions to Disclosure, Advice from officials 24(1) “The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal:
- (a) Advice, proposals, recommendations or analysis or policy options developed by or for a public body or a member of executive council; AND
  - (g) information including the proposed plans, policies, or projects of a public body, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision. “

**Motion 155/2023** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, “THAT the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, be closed to the public at 9:04pm for a discussion regarding confidential preliminary draft park designs, pursuant to 24(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.”

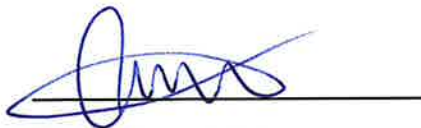
**Carried**

**Motion 156/2023** Moved by Councillor Valiquette, “THAT the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council, be resumed in public at 9:59pm.”

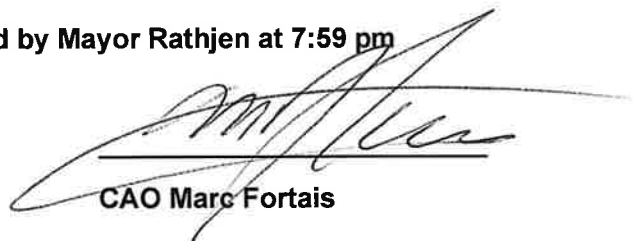
**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Rathjen at 7:59 pm**



**Mayor Greg Rathjen**



**CAO Marc Fortais**