



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

June 27, 2023

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, June 27, 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 171/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT the agenda of the June 27, 2023, regular meeting of mayor and council be amended under Other Business – to substitute a report from Deputy Mayor Hansen regarding AHS Community Engagements – Recruitment and Retention. (Originally Councillor Eastman was scheduled to report but was unable to find the meeting at the Red Deer Hospital as the room number was not disclosed in the meeting invite).

Carried

Motion 172/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hansen, "THAT the amended agenda of the June 27, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 173/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hanson, "THAT the minutes of the June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) **Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230428 to 20230468**

Motion 174/2023 Moved by Councillor Eastman, "THAT Cheques No. 20230428 to 20230468 be received for information."

Carried

New Business

a) **PCPS quote regarding revision to Summersault Area Structure Plan**

Break

Motion 175/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Mayor and Council take a short break so that she can work with the CAO to draft a motion related to the revision to the Summersault Area Structure Plan at 6:55pm for 5 minutes."

Carried

Mayor Rathjen called the meeting back in session at 6:59pm

Motion 176/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the CAO be directed to include the estimate from PCPS to undertake amendments to the Summersault Area Structure Plan in the 2024 budget process for consideration."

Carried

- It should be noted that Councillor Grimsdale requested a friendly amendment, to include that if a fundraising campaign from minor soccer came up with the money to cover the cost of the amendment to the Area Structure Plan, that it proceed forward sooner.
- Discussion took place regarding this amendment and Mayor Rathjen pointed out, it was not just about the cost of such work, but also the time required to undertake the work by the CAO. He indicated that, there were already competing priorities and a work plan in place for the remainder of the current year.
- CAO Marc Fortais, indicated that capacity could be gained to allow the work to move forward by removing for example the Utility Bylaw Revisions that Mayor and Council have as part of the work plan.



- After the debate, Councillor Valiquette indicated, that she did not accept the friendly amendment and it was withdrawn by Councillor Grimsdale.

b) New PCPS Funding Model

Motion 177/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize CAO Marc Fortais to renew a contract with PCPS for ongoing planning services and support at a Tier One membership fee of \$4,000 per annum, plus the corresponding discounted rates as provided in the council report presented."

Carried

- c) Motion 178/2023** Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize CAO Marc Fortais to provide a one time \$500 donation to help fund the Wolf Creek and BGC After School Out Day Program; AND

THAT FCSS connect with BGC to discuss opportunities to look at long term support for programming funding."

Councillor Valiquette, requested a friendly amendment to the motion after debate, requesting that the donation amount be changed to \$1,000. Councillor Grimsdale accepted the friendly amendment, and the motion was re-read as follows:

Motion 178/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT Mayor and Council authorize CAO Marc Fortais to provide a one time \$1,000 donation to help fund the Wolf Creek and BGC After School Out Day Program; AND

THAT FCSS connect with BGC to discuss opportunities to look at long term support for programming funding."

Carried

Correspondence

- a) **Lacombe County Council Highlights June 8, 2023**
- b) **Bentley Assessment Audit – Notification Letter**
- c) **Alberta Transportation – Functional Planning Study (Hwy 20 from Hwy 11 to Hwy 12)**

Motion 179/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette "THAT correspondence items a) to c) be received for information."

Carried



Other Business

a) Deputy Mayor Hansen attendance at AHS Community Engagements (Recruitment and Retention)


- Deputy Mayor Hansen provided an overview regarding AHS ongoing challenges with recruitment, retention, and attraction of doctors to serve in communities across Alberta.
- It was indicated that based on competing priorities, it was not likely that Bentley would get a doctor anytime soon.
- In addition, it was indicated that Canadian doctors can choose to set up private practice within any community they choose, but typically the preference is larger centres and in closer proximity to hospitals.
- AHS representatives suggested that the Town of Bentley administration and or Mayor and Council continue to build connections and relationships with Main Street medical in Lacombe.
- There is opportunities to lobby main street medical to ask a doctor who is serving at the care centre to also provide services in the community of Bentley.
- CAO Marc Fortais indicated that in previous conversation with Dr. Mulholland it was indicated that AHS did have some influence over contracts and could request that a doctor be assigned through contract to serve a day or two a week in the community.
- Mayor and Council also determined that there was no point in Councillor Eastman continuing to push the issue with AHS and from this point forward Mayor Rathjen would be connecting with Main Street Medical to re-connect.

Motion 180/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT Councillor Eastman be compensated for mileage and parking for her effort to attend the meeting at Red Deer Hospital on June 26 from 3pm to 4:30pm."

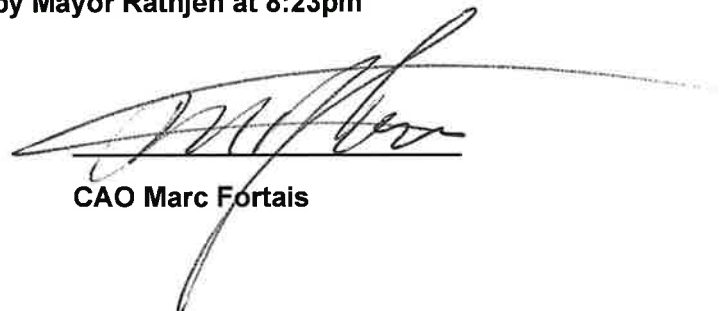
Carried

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Rathjen at 8:23pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais