



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

September 12, 2023

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

In Attendance Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Eastman
Councillor Grimsdale
Councillor Valiquette
Councillor Hansen
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 200/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the agenda of the September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include as other business, a discussion item regarding camping within the Town of Bentley in areas other than the Bentley Campsite."

Carried

Motion 201/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT the amended agenda of the September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 202/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the minutes of the September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230615 to 20230668

Motion 203/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT Cheques No. 20230615 to 20230668 be received for information."

Carried

Unfinished Business

a) Oxford Park Concept Plan – Report

- Continued discussion from August 22, 2023, Council Meeting
- Council Feedback regarding concepts

Motion 204/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT administration be directed to defer further work on Oxford Park, until budget time this year."

Carried

b) Main Street Banner Designs

Motion 205/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council approve - Option #4 as presented. "With the wording written from top to bottom"; AND

THAT administration be directed to produce the banners to be installed in the spring of next year."

It should also be noted that Mayor Rathjen asked for a recorded vote as there was a lengthy discussion regarding if the wording should be from top to bottom or bottom to top.

Deputy Mayor Eastman	For
Councillor Hansen	For
Councillor Grimsdale	For
Councillor Valiquette	For
Mayor Rathjen	Against

Motion is Carried 4 For and 1 Against

New Business

- a) Public Works Report**
- b) Parks Report**

Motion 206/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the Public Works Report and the Parks Report be accepted as information."

Carried

Break

Motion 207/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council take a short 5-minute break at 8:16pm, prior to receiving the presentation for Q2 Financial Report."

Carried

Mayor Rathjen called the meeting back in session at 8:22pm

New Business (Cont'd)

c) Q2 Financial Report

Motion 208/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT Mayor and Council accept the Q2 Financial Report as information."

Carried

Correspondence

a) Lacombe County Council Highlights – August 24, 2023

Motion 209/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT correspondence items a) be received for information."

Carried

Other Business

a) Camping at other locations in Town of Bentley

- Mayor Rathjen had indicated at the beginning of the council meeting that he wished to discuss what had occurred with camping on the church property a few weeks ago. Councillor Hansen agreed and the motion to add this item was made by Councillor Hansen.

- Mayor Rathjen indicated that he was sorry that he had allowed camping on the church property without first obtaining a special event permit. He indicated that he was unaware that he needed one, and it was an oversight on his part, as this was a last-minute request by the people who had come to the church for a retreat as they had been impacted by fires and could not go where they normally went. Some stayed at the campground, and some stayed on the church which is private property.

- In addition, the group gave a donation to the Town of Bentley Campground.

- Administration through CAO Marc Fortais indicated that the Bylaw should be amended to offer more clarity around camping on private property to put limitations on the numbers of persons that can camp on private property without a special event permit. He also indicated that in these situations, persons should be applying for the town for a special event permit, as camping in large numbers should only occur within the Bentley

Campground, unless an exception is made for special circumstances that would be approved through that special event permitting process.

No Motion was made.

b) Green and Inclusive Buildings Program (Administration Update)

- Mayor Rathjen requested that CAO Fortais also provide a quick update on the Town of Bentley's Grant application to green and inclusive buildings program grant. ***(This was an added item not included the agenda approval at the beginning of the meeting)***

- The grant was applied for through the federal government. The Town of Bentley has been waiting for approximately 14 months with no answer regarding if we are successful or not for the grant.

Motion 210/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT Mayor Rathjen is requested to find the name & contact number for the new Minister responsible for the Green and Inclusive Buildings Program Grant; AND

THAT he is to write and send a letter to the minister strongly requesting a status update of the Grant for the Town of Bentley.

Carried

Council Reports

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

Motion 211/2023 Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT the Council Reports for August 2023, be accepted as information."

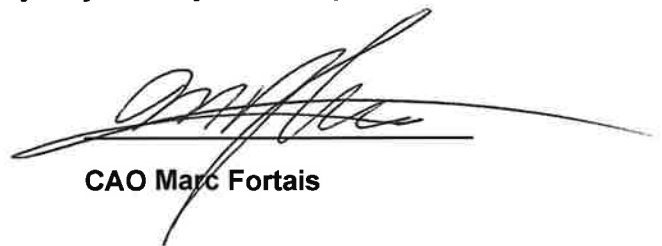
Carried

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Rathjen at 9:22pm



Mayor Greg Rathjen



CAO Marc Fortais